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2-HEADED WOMAN IS PREGNANT

. . . but one head wants the child — the other says, 'absolutely not!'

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2 brides show up at church — to marry same man!

Mom-to-be is in a dither over the news

Two-headed woman pregnant!

By HENRY WEBB

A two-headed woman is pregnant and heading for court — because one of her heads wants to keep the baby and the other wants to abort!

The woman was not named or quoted in press reports out of Benin City, Nigeria, but her lawyers were only too willing to talk.

They said the case is going to make legal history because the woman's heads are considered to be individuals in spite of the fact that they share a body and reproductive tract.

"One way or another we are going to set precedents in this case," said attorney Patrick Alonge. "We'll have to take a long, hard look at the ability of a physically-challenged person to care for an infant.

"We also have to determine whether a woman has the right to do as she pleases with a body that belongs both to her and somebody else."

Abortion foes and advocates have taken up the woman's opposing banners but Alonge says they have little understanding of the intricacies involved in the case.

A key question is whether the 26-year-old lady's mouth agreed to have sexual intercourse with the man who got her pregnant and "vanished off the face of the earth."

Attorney Dona Equavon represents the half of the woman that is seeking an abortion. He told reporters that his client is bugged and pleased with her sister head and is fed up with the mess but lost out in the struggle of wills.

"My client did not and does not want this baby and we will do everything in our power to keep her from having it," said the lawyer.

"She should not be forced to suffer from an act of indecency — premarital sex — she argued against."

Lawyer Alonge, who represents the head that wants to keep the baby, couldn't disagree more. He said it is the "birthright of every woman to have a child if she so chooses — in spite of what a sibling might think."

The woman herself is said to be six weeks pregnant and anxiously awaiting the outcome of her trial, which has yet to be scheduled.

"Considering the circumstances she is getting along as well as could be expected," said attorney Equavon.

One of her heads wants to keep the baby — but the other one doesn't

Docs may use robot surgeons to do complex hip operations

Researchers are working on a space-age "robotic system" that may help surgeons do stronger and more durable hip replacements.

Using computerized tomography scans to provide three-dimensional views of hip and thigh bones, along with calibration pins to give exact locations, the robotic system measures and drills precise holes to insert.

Recent research has shown that the closer the artificial hip fits into a patient's bones, the more likely new bone will grow into it and form a stronger link.

More than 120,000 hip replacements are done in America each year. Surgeons currently must cement the artificial hips in place.

In some cases, especially with overweight, active or young patients, the cement bond fails, requiring additional surgery.

Monkeying around

Animal trainer Mark Forman gets into the swing of things as he tries to teach Jaime, a chimpanzee on loan to a zoo in Tampa, Fla., how to make like Tarzan on a vine. But Jaime wasn't too interested. He preferred to swing

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She went on TV to protest office smoking ban

Fired smoker does slow burn

Social worker Judi Caron said her career went up in smoke when she was fired for refusing to give up cigarettes.

"I enjoy smoking," Miss Caron told *The NEWS*. "It's my constitutional right. It's legal and I see no reason why my civil rights should be taken away from me."

By PETE COOKE

The 47-year-old mom who lives near Boston in Lowell, Mass., said she was fired from her job as a social worker for the state welfare department simply for taking a pro-smoking stand in a government-imposed anti-smoking environment.

In support of her position, Miss Caron appeared twice on the CBS program 60 Minutes and has been interviewed on several television talk shows.

"They warned me that if I had 60 minutes come into the office, I would be relieved and they followed through on it," she said. "They held me back from promotions. They put me out on the street. My career has been totally destroyed."

A social worker for 14 years, Miss Caron holds three degrees including a master's degree in criminal justice. She said her career troubles began about five years ago when the issue of smoking in government offices began to heat up.

The problem escalated until last year when the state banned smoking in government buildings except for a few designated areas.

Miss Caron, who smokes two packs a day, was no longer allowed to smoke at her desk. She and the other 14 smokers in the office were only permitted to light up in a kitchen area or a small smoking lounge.

"They moved my desk to a non-smoking area and then they said I spent too much time smoking in the kitchen," Miss Caron said. "The smoking issue turned into a power issue, which turned into a personality issue."

Finally, she said, she was fired.

"Her firing had nothing to do with smoking at all," a welfare department spokesman said. "She was not meeting the department's productivity standards for social workers."

Miss Caron says that's a lie and intends to prove her point in court when she sues the department for wrongful dismissal.

STILL puffing, ex-social worker Judi Caron says that her career has not gone up in smoke.

'I enjoy smoking – it's my constitutional right'

Dog killer's a marked man and has gone into hiding!

Savage dog killer Clifford Jones has gone into hiding — to protect himself from animal lovers who have put him on their hit list.

Jones has already been the victim of a revenge attack by two men who beat him over the head with hammers as he sat in his car in Bristol, England.

Dogs of all breeds — even the lowly mongrel — are held in very high esteem in England. Jones earned the hatred of dog lovers when they learned he had bound his Irish setter in chains, weighed it down with concrete blocks and then hurled the helpless dog into the River Avon to drown.

A Bristol judge has decreed that the 35-year-old man will never again be allowed to own a dog and then

Housewives walk 52 miles a week

By RAFE KLINGER

Anyone who thinks housewives have it easy to off their rocker, says a stunning new study that found that stay-at-home gals walk an average of 52 miles a week.

And that's equal to the distance of two marathons or walking up and down France's famed Eiffel Tower 130 lung-busting times!

Meanwhile, the survey by Scholl shoe manufacturers in England found that the desk-chained brides only manage about 30 miles of walking a week, less than half the distance working moms manage just 13 miles a week.

"I think some husbands should try running the house just to see what it's like," said one wife.

"Most of them wouldn't last a day."

The survey of wives and husbands should silence the smart-aleck remarks by husbands and women's Libbers spending their days sitting on a couch eating chocolates and watching soap operas.

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"Support hosiery can help — and the new type of sock-

Family and friends watch in horror at the site of a cave-in in Albuquerque, N. Mex., where two 13-year-old boys were killed. The boys were digging in a ravine when the wall collapsed and buried them. A third boy dug himself out. This scene took place as rescue workers were frantically digging to uncover the two boys who remained buried under several feet of dirt. Minutes after the workers found the two boys but they were not breathing. Rescue efforts to revive them failed.

Reincarnation shocker!

By BEATRICE CENTER

Reincarnation expert Erick Wirten has reported the most astonishing past-life case ever — a man and woman who married in this life after meeting and falling in love in an earlier existence!

Couple wed after romance in past life

Incredibly, the couple — a West German man and a French woman — met in this life in their dreams, according to Dr. Wirten, of Stockholm, Sweden, a hypnotherapist who has written a classic book on reincarnation.

After months of meeting each other in their sleep, the two made a date to meet while awake. They recognized one another instantly, Dr. Wirten said.

"In their dreams they were always dressed in medieval costume," Dr. Wirten said of the unidentified pair. "She was dressed like a lady, in rich fabrics and furs.

"He was dressed in chain mail and a rough canvas tunic — the costume of an ordinary Norman foot soldier of the 11th century."

Reunited after 900 years, their love broke the bonds of death!

The couple arranged to meet. When they first met in person, they recognized each other, Dr. Wirten said.

They instantly realized they loved each other and made plans to wed. A week later they were married, although they barely knew each other in this life. As time passed, the existence that the man sought help from Dr. Wirten.

"He said he and his wife were experiencing frequent flashbacks very similar to their dreams before they met in this life," said Dr. Wirten.

"They wanted to undergo hypnosis to find out the reason. Both underwent hypnosis and they both told identical stories — of a life they had shared more than 900 years ago."

Dr. Wirten discovered the couple had met during wartime in the year 1066. The man had protected the young woman as a member of her private guard and the two had

"The young man told me, 'I recognized her immediately as someone I loved deeply the first time I laid eyes on her

tragedy. A lady could not marry a commoner in medieval Normandy. The young foot soldier never forgot his love. He never married and died in battle years later. The lady married a nobleman and lived unhappily until her death in childbirth in 1071.

"Obviously, the love these two shared was stronger than death," Dr. Wirten wrote. "So strong, that it brought them together in this life.

She 'bitched' about his drinking, cops say, so . . .

Grandson locks up nagging granny — and starves her

Aged widow Alberta Bandell starved to death locked in her bedroom for nearly three weeks. But her faithful dog survived the grisly ordeal in a horrifying way.

"If we hadn't found her when we did there might not have been anything left," said Pasco County (Fla.) deputy Bob Loeffler.

The dog ate her legs, bones, skin, everything right up to her hip, he said.

Richard "Butch" Jones, 48, her comatose-stricken grandson, admitted locking his 70-year-old grandma and her dog, Lucky, in her trailer room because she asked him to help her die, said Loeffler. Jones has been charged with manslaughter.

Neighbors said that Jones had talked about killing his grandma because she "bitched" about his beer drinking and pot smoking, Loeffler said.

"He would come over and start telling me he's going to kill that bitch one of these days, that it would be either him or her," neighbor David Sexton told deputies.

Cops said Jones taped up cracks around the door after locking his grandma in with food, water or medicine for her diabetes. Nearly three weeks later Jones called the sheriff's office saying he thought his grandma was dead because she stunk was unbearable, said Loeffler.

SUSPECT Richard Jones is charged in grandma's death

When cops found her she weighed only 22 pounds!

"Her large, mixed breed dog trotted out as if nothing had happened," said Loeffler. "Mrs. Bandell was lying on her bed with her legs chewed off."

Loeffler said the autopsy was not conclusive because there was "only 22 pounds of her left. The dog weighed more than she did — 35 pounds."

Starvation is believed to be the cause of death, pending more tests, said Loeffler. The manslaughter charge against Jones may be upgraded to murder, he added.

That would be fine with Jones' mother and the daughter of the victim, Frances Forster.

"Oh, I hope so, I hope so," she said when told about a possible murder charge.

"That's not his son," she said. "That's some kind of deranged . . . I don't know what to call him.

"It seems like he went off his rocker. What kind of sane person would do this?"

"Personally, I hope he gets," said Jones' sister, Carol Sue Jones.

Jones had told neighbors his grandmother was visiting friends and wouldn't be back. Neighbor Sexton thought the unknown smell from Mrs. Bandell's trailer was due to a leaky septic tank or a dead animal.

"My wife joked to me," said Sexton. "She said, 'Well, Butch always said he was going to kill his grandma one of these days. Maybe that's what the smell is.' She started laughing and I said, 'Jeannie, don't say that. That's terrible.'

"But it was true."

This dog was doggone rotten but Kate Blasbagen has made sure her mutt Brandida keeps its fur dry with its own little poncho underdo. This scene was a rainy day in Paterson, Pa.

Theft-proof car traps burglars

Car thieves are in for a surprise when they try to drive away in a revolutionary new English car — the doors lock, the windows close, light and an alarm sounds in the nearest police station.

London cops have just completed a successful test of the "lock-in car," designed to catch thieves like "rats in a trap."

SLASHER LICKED VICTIM'S CUTS

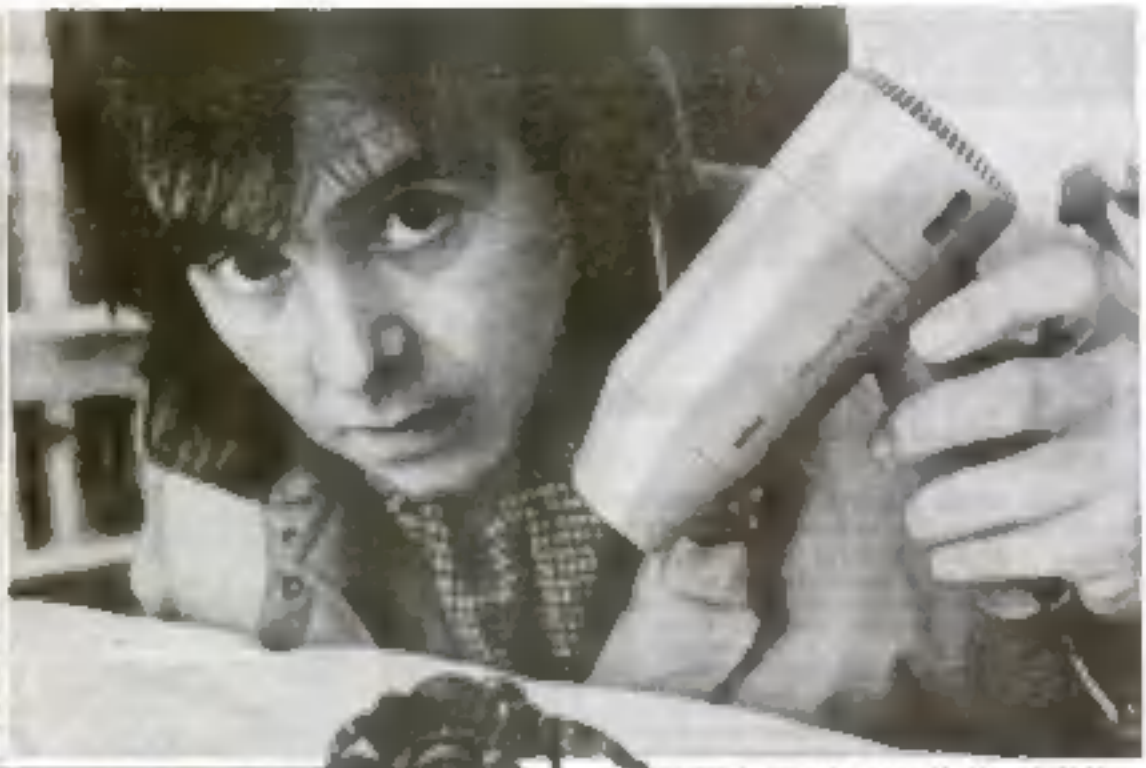
A 17-year-old high school girl suffered cuts on her face and arms when a weirdo showed up at her door, slashed her with a razor — then started licking the blood from her wounds.

Police in San Jose, Calif., said the creep continued to stalk the unidentified girl until she and her dog managed to chase him away.

The victim wasn't hospitalized but she may need plastic surgery to repair her facial wounds, investigators said.

Roller skater killed by car

An unidentified roller skater and the dog that was pulling him died horribly when the animal veered into the path of an oncoming car, Los Angeles police reported recently.



HARRY the tarantula was saved by his quick-thinking owner, Gordon Sommerville — using a hair dryer.

All-time greatest lateness excuse . . .

'Sorry, I was saving my pet spider's life — with a hair dryer'

Disc jockey Gordon Sommerville came up with a really wild excuse when he was late for a radio show — he said he was saving his pet spider's life with a hair dryer!

As crazy as it sounds, Gordon insists that his wild, mind-boggling excuse was the plain and simple truth.

The popular Bemish D.J. was about to leave for his daily stint at a station in Exeter, England, when he found his pet tarantula Harry belly up at the bottom of the tank where he lived.

Fearing Harry's screaming days with death close when the heating lamp in the tank burned out.

The creepy critter was unconscious and deep in the throes of hypothermia when Gordon found him.

But Gordon knew just what to do to save his little pal. He revived Harry with a gentle stream of warm air from his hair dryer and by blowing on the pet through a straw.

When Gordon was certain that hairy Harry was back on his feet, he dashed off to the station — praying to God that his boss would believe his bizarre excuse for being late.

Believable or not, Gordon ought to get points for originality. — ERNEST PARISH

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EX-CON CHARGED IN LITTLE GIRL'S BRUTAL KILLING

37-year-old murder mystery solved by determined cop

Malcolm Murphy was only 16 when little Janie Althoff was murdered in 1951. But 37 years later, he was the cop who did what other cops couldn't do — track down the man believed to be her killer!

"It wasn't a lucky break, it was good police work," Pennsylvania State Police Lt. Barry Sparks told The NEWS. "He put a lot of his own time and effort into it and it finally paid off."

The payoff for Murphy came when he left Grand Island, Nebr., with 66-year-old William Henry Redmond, an ex-con and one-time carnival drifter now charged with the brutal strangulation slaying of pretty 8-year-old Jane Marie Althoff in April 1951.

The youngster's body was found in the front seat of a parked truck on a carnival lot in Trainer, Pa., where Redmond was working as a Ferris wheel operator.

Police at the time said the cab of the truck was covered with Redmond's fingerprints. But by the time they went to the carnival lot to pick him up for questioning, he had fled. Since then dog and for the next 37 years, Redmond — with two previous convictions for assaults on pre-teen girls to his credit — was the prime suspect in the murder of little Janie Althoff.

According to news accounts of the horrible slaying, Janie had gone to the carnival in Trainer with her 6-year-old brother Paul.

Another brother, a teenager, accompanied the two but wasn't allowed inside because he had a bicycle.

At one point, Janie was seen whispering to a man identified as Redmond. She later told a friend she had a secret with him.

Efforts to locate the man reported killer failed and interest in the murder finally faded.

The case gradually slipped into limbo until October 1988, when Trainer cops told Murphy about the brutal crime committed when he was just a boy.

Over the next several months, Murphy pored over nearly 1,000 pages of old records and carried out dozens of interviews.

Convinced that Redmond was the killer, Murphy began working with a computer linked with the National Crime Information Center and with computer centers in each state.

"Because I knew his name and date of birth, I was able to run him through the computers," Murphy explained. "He turned up in the Nebraska motor vehicle files."

It was only a matter of time before Murphy traced his quarry to Grand Island, where he had been living "a quiet life" since 1963.

Murphy went to Grand Island and questioned Redmond about the Althoff murder. Based on that interview, he arrested the unemployed truck-

VICTIM: Jane Marie Althoff was strangled to death at a carnival in 1951.

er and returned him to Pennsylvania. Delaware County D.A. William Ryan said Redmond "has made a statement in which (incriminating) him-self" in the murder.

Redmond is charged with criminal homicide. His trial has not yet been scheduled.

— DICK DONOVAN

ALL THE CLUES POINTED TO William Henry Redmond, left, who worked in a carnival at the time of the brutal slaying, said determined police investigator Malcolm Murphy. "Because I knew his name and date of birth, I was able to run him through the computers," explained Murphy.

Groom gets dowry of water

In drought-stricken India a man has agreed to marry a village woman in Gujarat on the condition that her parents deliver two barrels of water to him every day.

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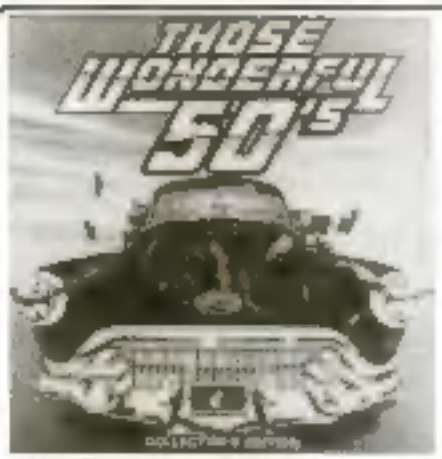

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After kids keep her awake for 8 years mom says:

I've slept at last!

. . . and she buys a newspaper ad to tell the world

By JOE SERGEN

Frazzled mum Jane Carpenter got her first full night's sleep in eight years — and was so elated she took out a newspaper ad to tell the world about it!

"What a delight that was," gushed jubilant Jane, 31. "It was the first time I'd slept the night away since little Tommy was born in 1980.

"With three boys there's always somebody who needs something, and I was getting dragged out of bed 10 or 12 times a night.

"Then on that one blissful occasion, they let me sleep for eight hours without a peep — and it felt so good I wanted to celebrate."

So the harried housewife from Exmouth, England, shelled out 20 bucks for a newspaper ad trumpeting the momentous event. Surrounded by champagne glasses, the announcement read:

"An unbelievable experience!

"Tommy, 8, Jimmy, 5 and Ben, 2, slept through the night, giving their mum and dad their first undisturbed night's sleep for over eight years."

Easygoing Jane said friends had heard her moan and groan so much about not getting any shut-eye that she figured it was only fair to put it in writing when her boisterous boys finally gave her a whole night's peace.

And though her sweet dreams were pretty short-lived, they've given the kid-crazy lady a new lease on life.

RESTED AND RELAXED Jane Carpenter sits with her kids, from left, Jimmy, 5, Ben, 2 and Tommy, 8.

"I decided to have some fun with it because it's something every mother can identify with," she said. "The boys might have been back to their old ways ever since, but that one night was so refreshing I think I can stand another eight sleepless years now."

UFO shocker

Johnny Rebs from outer space!

By HENRY WEBB

A UFO with the Confederate Stars and Bars on its belly swooped over a crowded ball park, broadcasting *Dixie* before it vanished over the horizon!

That's the word from noted UFO researcher Juan Alvarez, who says more than 175 stunned witnesses saw the 200-foot spaceship during a Sunday afternoon soccer match near Puebla, Mexico.

"The report is fantastic but I'm taking it very seriously," the expert told newspaper reporters.

[illegible] witnesses closely proved that they saw something out of the ordinary.

"I'm not sure what to make of reports that it bore the flag of the American Confederacy [illegible] its anthem. But it would seem to have been a friendly gesture."

Carlos Cisneros de Valdes claims to have seen the UFO and has been working closely with Alvarez in his investigation.

Valdes told reporters that the starship "was silver and looked like an upside down bowl."

"It made a whirring noise like a big electric fan," he continued.

"And when it first appeared it was hovering at a height of about 1,000 feet. Then it began to descend and came to a complete stop in midair.

"Most of us were literally standing in its shadow. We were so shocked and surprised we just looked up and stared.

"That's when the flag appeared in lights on the UFO's belly and we heard it play the song *Dixie*. There's no doubt in my mind about the song and flag.

"I have picked vegetables in Florida and Georgia many times and I know what they [illegible]

people he has interviewed in connection with the encounter agree with Valdes's account.

"The encounter lasted less than 30 seconds and if the military has any knowledge of it, they aren't talking," said the expert.

"I have spoken with my colleagues in the United States," he added.

"The consensus is that this UFO — if it, indeed, bore a symbol of the American South — just might show us

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Amazing blind man restores a junk car to mint condition!

By ROSE GRADY

Amazing car buff Burt Johnson spent 1,500 hours and $20,000 to restore a junked '55 Ford Thunderbird. But he'll never see the dream machine he turned out — because he's as blind as a bat!

BLINDSIGHT — inside a body Burt Johnson can't see, he's spent years and rebuilding his dream car.

The 47-year-old Canadian knows every nut, bolt and wire on his sleek turquoise T-bird. It's a car like the one he saw 34 years ago just before a firecracker shuttled out his sight forever. Burt found the car rotting away on a settlement 100 miles north of Vancouver. It wasn't much to look at then, but Burt bought it and took it to his home in White Rock.

"I spent hours looking for rust," Burt said. "I felt over every square inch of the car, looking for rust.

"On Oct. 30, 1984, I put it in my garage, lifted the hood and started pulling the engine apart. I figure I must have hauled at least 1,000 bolts and about 100 other parts.

"Someday, I'm going to sit down and try to remember all of them. But for now, I just want to sigh and say, 'Burt, you did it!'"

Burt readily admits he had help. For example, someone else painted the body — after Burt removed it from the trailer. And there were times when neighbor Tom Cramer pitched in his eyes.

"I called on Tom when I couldn't read the wiring dia-grams," Burt said. "But even then, we had to struggle. Tom is color-blind and couldn't tell the green and white wires from the blue and white."

Burt saw his first T-bird in a showroom soon after they first came out in 1954 and it was love at first sight. He knew that someday he'd have to get one. But just six months before his 30th birthday, he was permanently blinded.

Shark's dia-dia

Experts are hoping these human bones found inside the huge body of a killer tiger shark...

A thigh, femur and hip bone were discovered in the shark that was caught off the coast of Sydney, Australia.

Forensic tests may be able to determine the age and sex of the victim and how long the bones had been inside the shark.

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New royal shocker!

QUEEN PAYS DI TO STAY WITH CHARLES

In a new royal shocker, insiders in England report that stuffy Queen Elizabeth is paying her spoiled daughter-in-law Princess Di $500,000 to hang around with her husband Prince Charles and act like a wife.

According to the sources the astounding bribe works like this:

Princess gets $500G bribe to act like a wife

Prince. Maybe now that she's getting paid, she'll find it easier to act like a princess. — *San Francisco Chronicle*

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The hottest rumor in the TV world says that Today Show mister-mornin' Bryant Gumbel is fed up after his 8 year stint and will split from the morning slot when his pact with NBC expires at the end of the year.

Already, insiders claim that sports character **Bob Costas** will get Bryant's Today's hotseat.

And Bryant reportedly wants to host his own syndicated show doing what he does best — talk, talk, talk. — *New York Post*.

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Tinseltown upset by *Dynasty* dame **Joan Collins** plopped down next to **Roger Moore** at the L.A. airport to wait for her flight to London and confided to the big screen star:

"I normally get upset on these flights. But I've given up drink for Lent."

Guess what, Joan. Lent's over — *London Daily Mirror*

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Hospital soaper *St. Elsewhere* is getting the ax after six years.

Asked what he liked best about the show, star **William Daniels**, who played the cranky Dr. Craig, said:

"My luncheon meetings at St. Elsewhere's mommy." At last, an honest answer — *TV Guide*

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Sweet-talking yak-show hostess Oprah Winfrey confesses to having a mighty temper when things go wrong. Once after losing a valuable jewelry case during a flight Oprah admits she went on a 45-minute attack.

"After I cooled down, I realized I had it coming," she says. "For two days I had been an absolute bitch and had made everyone around me miserable." — *New York Post*

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Skeevy **Ed Bilik Jr.** plays a smooth-talking detective on TV's *In the Heat of the Night*, but now he's in hot water with real lawmen.

State cops in Baton Rouge, La., claim Bilik was driving erratically on an interstate at 100 m.p.h. A trooper, called up with two bags of a substance that looked suspiciously like cocaine and a naked woman handcuffed and Bilik had not been drunk to be driving, cops say.

Busted with drug and traffic charges, the star was released on $5,000 bond.

Oh, no — *New York Daily News*

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Flying superstar **Burt Reynolds** doesn't think Pres Reagan's a top-notch chief exec but he admits he got outbusted by Ronnie's intuition there when he attended a White House lunch.

"I kept . . . after flight plans in the shoe, and all the way there I kept saying to myself, 'Why is your heart beating fast?' He's only an actor, and not even a very good actor," Burt laughs at the moment.

"I got in the elevator and went up there, the elevator opened, and there he was in a fancy jacket that looked like my old Chevy seat covers, and he threw his arms around me.

"I thought, 'Dear God, I'm being hugged by the President.'

"And then he told 37 stories about Errol Flynn.

"And by the end of the 37th story I thought, 'This guy's a great President.'"

And that's how he's done it for eight years. — *The George Straight* magazine

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Pop superstar **George Michael** flew into a tizzy when fireworks misspelled his name in the nighttime sky over Sydney, Australia's, harbor.

George reportedly ordered his guests at a bash in a posh waterside winery to boot it. And he had his bodyguards back up his words. — *London Daily Mirror*

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Frisky **Holly Hunter** played her TV namesake in the flick *Broadcast News* as a tough-talking reporter who would suddenly burst into a torrid fit of tears for no good reason at the end of the day.

Now, real news gal **Connie Chung** says actress Holly was right on the mark.

"I don't have to fake myself. I cry unpredictably, every day," confesses Connie.

Rock songbird miffed over new house hoopla

Linda Ronstadt

Famous songbird Linda Ronstadt says she was late to sell her brand-new $2.5 million San Francisco home without even seeing more of it — because a local columnist published the address.

"There's too much publicity about it, and it's not a good idea to live there," snipped the steamed star. "It's kind of a security risk."

Linda says the columnist's chatty report made her "not like the house. And it made me not like the neighborhood, and it made me not like the city, and it made me not like to live there." — *The Charlotte Observer*.

TV cop busted by real live lawmen!

"ST. ELSEWHERE" star William Daniels

Corey Kelly Andrea went from acting classes at the University of Utah to Tinseltown where she made a big splash with parts on TV's "Hunter," "Mr. Belvedere" and "The Golden Girls." When she's active, the busy blonde likes to unwind at

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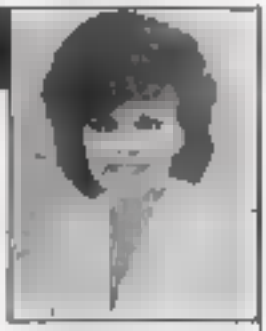

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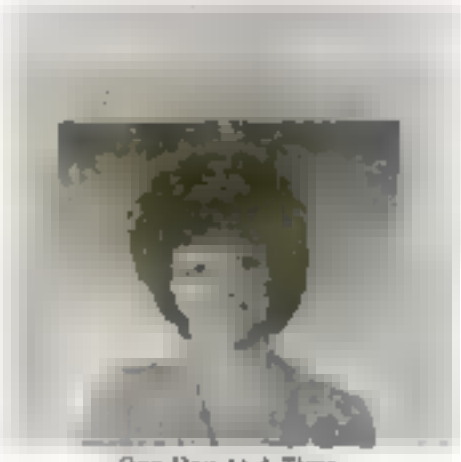

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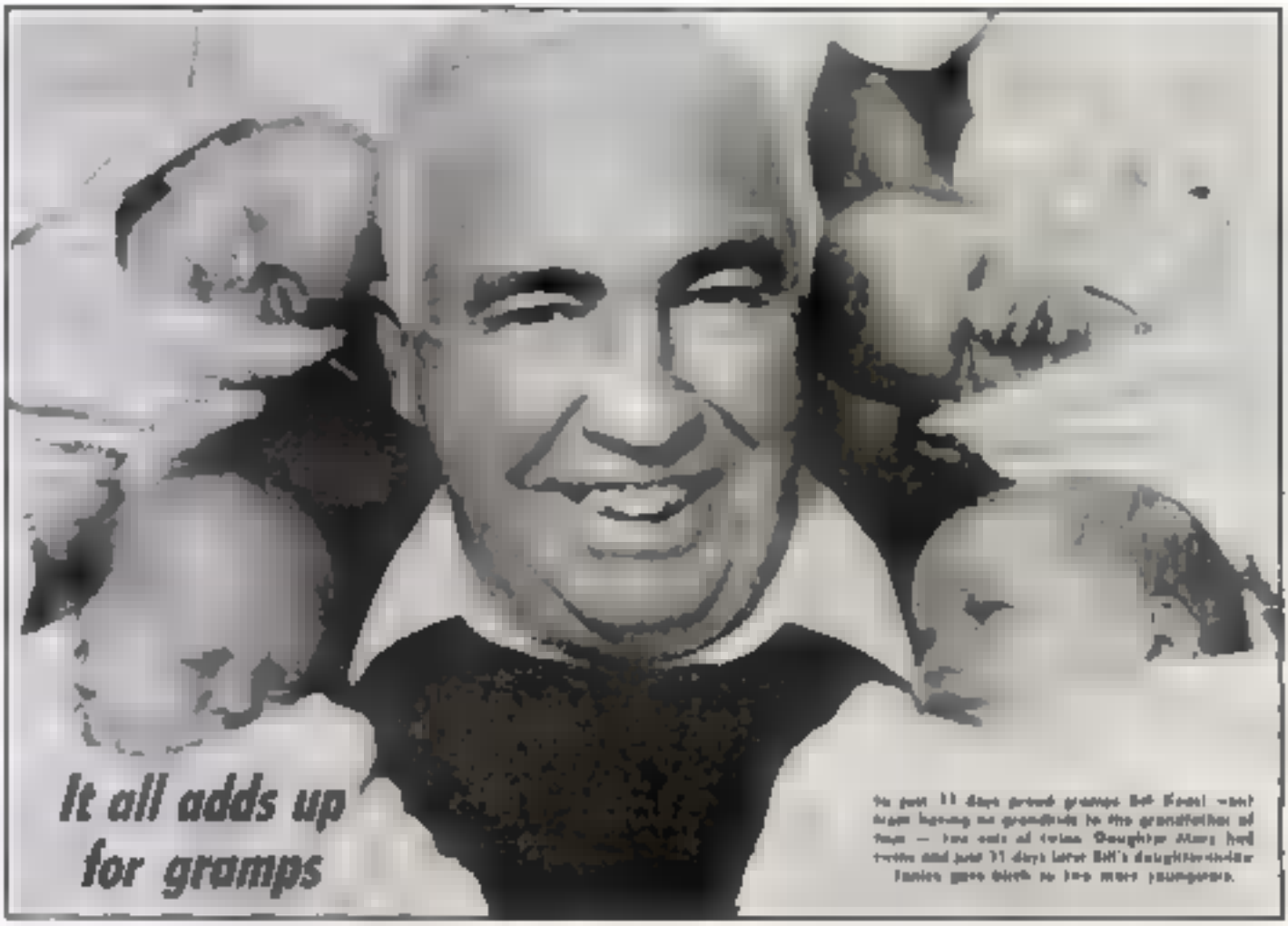

At just 31 days proud grampa Bill Kraut was happy to announce to the grandfather of two — the son of twins. Daughter Mary had twins and just 31 days later Bill's daughter-in-law Janice gave birth to two more youngsters.

2 brides show up at wedding — and all hell breaks loose

By LAUREL GOWN

Two brawling brides in stunning satin gowns kicked, clawed and bit each other bloody in front of 300 wide-eyed wedding guests — after both belles showed up at the church to marry the same man!

By the time bystanders broke up the donnybrook, the bedraggled brides looked like bag ladies — and flabbergasted pastor Guy Kraut was nursing a broken nose.

"It was absolutely the craziest thing I've ever seen," the preacher told reporters outside Marseilles, France.

"You have to imagine these two beautiful young women dressed in white gowns, and they're rolling on the floor of the church — scratching and biting and screeching and gouging like wildcats."

It was a kicking, biting, scratching free-for-all

The bizarre saga began two weeks earlier when gamepared playboy Philippe Rimal, 25, had a battle royal with blonde fiancee Leslie Laviolle.

"We fought and she walked out," Philippe recalled. "I was truly heartbroken."

But Leslie Philippe didn't plan to stay for long. The real day he asked former reporter Sarah Kraemer to be the bride — and starry-eyed Sarah jumped at the chance.

"The wedding was all planned," Philippe recalled. "I was truly heartbroken."

But Philippe's scheme backfired when the big day came and both ladies showed up to the church expecting to become his bride.

"I cried for days after we broke up," lovesick Leslie, 26, said later.

"I told myself, I know Philippe still loves me and if I go to that church to my wedding gown, he'll dump Sarah and dump her like he's planned."

But the minute the spurned brides spotted each other in an adjacent hallway, they locked horns in a hair-pulling, eye-gouging, gown-ripping ruckus that left guests gasping in disbelief.

"We were sitting out front, and everybody was kind of hushed and all of a sudden we heard some terrible crashing and screaming in the back room," recalled Philippe's cousin Claude.

"Then Leslie and Sarah came crashing out in their white dresses and they were fighting like wild animals in front of the altar.

Just sat there until the groom and the preacher pulled them apart."

Birders treated the brawling ladies for cuts, bites and bruises and patched up the battered pastor's broken nose. The wedding was called off and everyone skipped out to lick their wounds.

Gambler was a big loser

Chinese gambler Lau Kwan-an lost his household belongings in a card game but the worst was yet to come. Gambling is illegal in China and when the authorities found out what he was up to, they threw him in jail for three years. The China Village and

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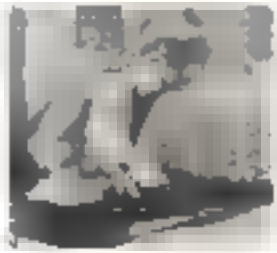

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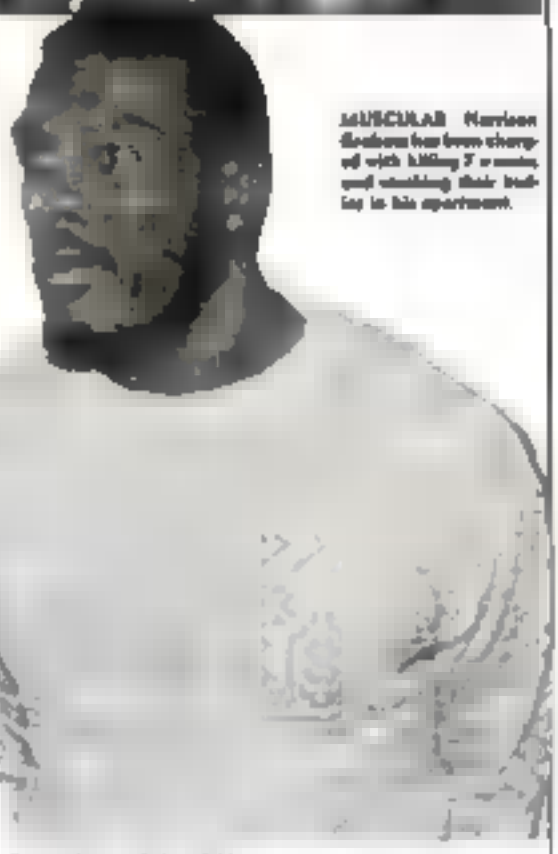
'Cookie Monster' murder suspect hid 7 victims in his bedroom, say cops



MUSCULAR Harrison Graham has been charged with killing 7 women and stashing their bodies in his apartment.

MUPPET doll was Graham's sidekick, say cops.

By JACK ALEXANDER

A sicko murder suspect who cops said lived with the rotting corpses of seven women he strangled also shared his bed and his thoughts with a Muppet.

Muscular Harrison "Morty" Graham, 28, begged a judge to let him cuddle his battered, stuffed Muppet, Cookie Monster, during his murder trial in Philadelphia.

But Judge Robert Latrone wouldn't let Graham have the doll because it is evidence. Defense lawyer Joel Goldofsky fought Graham's bizarre request in court.

Graham has confessed that he strangled his victims while having sex with them and kept their bodies in his apartment, cops said.

"He stored the bodies in one bedroom of his two-bedroom apartment," said Assistant District Atty. Roger King. "At least three of the corpses were there for four or five months."

The gruesome den of death came to light when the bodies began to stink up the apartment and the landlord asked Graham to leave.

Graham was jailed without bond on seven murder charges.

"When the dust clears, we'll convict him of seven counts of murder," said King.

Testimony by Graham's ex-live-in girlfriend, Mary Hogan, revealed he slept with his precious Muppet and shared his innermost thoughts with it. His relationship with the doll bothered her a lot, she said. "He'd get to talking to it and making it talk back ... a grown man," said Miss Hogan.

"My 10-year-old nephew doesn't even do that."

King said Miss Hogan finally moved out of Graham's apartment because of the "stench from the other bedroom."

"I believe the jury here even one of the skeletons, but most of the women were murdered after she moved out," King told The NEWS.

King said the prosecution will prove that Graham had an incredible appetite for necrophilia murder.

When asked if the Muppet had ever shared the bed with her and Graham, Miss Hogan replied: "Are you sick? When we were together that little thing stayed on a corner all by himself."

New musical robot is in tune with the times

The little guy doesn't have a name yet, but the jauntiest new robot from London has metal fingers and rubber lips — and plays the flute like a virtuoso.

The cute little flutist is the latest creation of McAndroids Ltd. who produced the piano-playing robot Tin Twin — the long-armed fellow who thrilled teenage fans of the Thompson Twins during their 1986 world tour.

PENKNIFE SHOCKER!

A Plainfield, Florida, man was ordered to pay his wife $10,000 in damages after he stabbed her in the eye with a penknife — because she failed to bear him a son during 13 years of marriage.

Ex-con admits 4,000 burglaries

An ex-con jailed in tiny Lantana, Fla., got a rise out of the cops who busted him when he admitted to pulling off 4,000 burglaries in five years!

Nabbed on a Lantana motel [illegible] Wayne Thompson wasted no time bragging about his exploits.

Cops from several towns and cities are waiting to question Thompson, hoping he'll clear their books of unsolved crimes.

"He has an affinity for jewelry, expensive cameras and

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Pint-sized models have a . . .

Wail of a time!

Fashion tots have a bawl

Smiles turned to tears for many of the small-fry models who showed up at a tony London hotel, dragged along by their proud mums to be the stars in a Dizzy style show of the latest in children's fashions.

But the shindig turned into a bawl when the pint-sized models decided they weren't having any fun and decided to make their feelings known.

It started with a few pouts, grimaces and sulky glances but this didn't get the reluctant mannequins off the hook. Then came the grand entrance and, one by one, each little model came out, sat, sobbing about until midway through. She left to the relieving with the piercing screams of at least half the 17 kids who participated.

"It might have been the hot lights and the excitement," said Carla Wenzel, organizer of the event. "I don't think all of them were crying — but it might have sounded like it."

Teen's car plows into partying pals

By JACK ALEXANDER

A spring break bash on a dead-end road ended in horror when a teenager lost control of his mom's car and plowed into his partying pals — killing one and injuring six others.

"I wish I was dead. How could I do that?" screamed hysterical Eric Norstrom, 16, after the Mazda RX7 finally stopped.

About 20 teens were celebrating the first night of spring break on the deserted road in Boynton Beach, Fla. when tragedy struck.

Norstrom, who was returning to the party after taking a friend home, lost control of the car when he tried to stop [illegible] from his friends, rocketed into a parked pickup truck, killing Amber Hunter, 16, outright and left Charles Hamby, 18, in critical condition, virtually brain dead. Five other terrified teens who didn't see the careening car in time were injured.

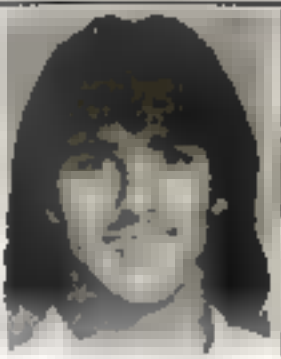
"I saw the car and threw [illegible] later I was hit," said Jimmy Hotchkiss, 17, who suffered a [illegible] leg.

Seconds after he ran [illegible] died to a stop, Norstrom was dragged from the driver's [illegible] first young partygoers. "They grabbed him and started hitting him," said Rob Hamilton. "No one could believe he did that. It was a major panic. I feel sorry for him. I feel sorry for the people he hit."

Cops said Norstrom broke away from the angry mob and hid as his frantic friends tried desperately to dial emergency 911 on his car phone.

"Everybody was getting crazy, paranoid," said Hamilton. "They'd dial 911, but nobody knew you had to punch a button to send it."

Several teens raced for their injured friends but many [illegible] first the scene before police arrived.



Driver Eric Norstrom

Victim Amber Hunter

at empty beer cans behind

Norstrom is an honor student with no prior traffic record. A police spokesman said tests revealed no trace of alcohol or drugs in Nor-

have been filed. "We have estimated he had reached 70 m.p.h. before he tried to stop," said a police spokesman. "His brakes might have locked and he went into a

I fell for a mud rassler but she gave me the slip

Dear Dotti: After six weeks of slopping hogs on my farm, I needed some bright lights, so I treated myself to a whole lot of beer at the town's top saloon.

There that girl must've been which I'd never seen. When I went over to the girl to watch, this 6-foot-1 bird hopped beauty winks at me and says, "This one's for you, handsome." She then proceeds to throw the match with her partner while I help them out of the ring and down the hall.

I've never been hit with love like that and I'm 28. I took her home to the hog farm that night and she followed me that I was nowhere near with her. That pretty girl kind of made really in love. I told her that of the 6 cattle down with me. I'd even build her a mud ring of her own. So, we went to the bank and took out all my savings — and got a mortgage — so the rig the house will build the ring and a fence!

One week later I came home with a perfect full of cowgirls sacks but she is got started with and found the kitchen stove cold. She'd left, which I'd filled with a wonder outfits, was standing there and the cattle chaser I'd been keeping the ranch so was gone. She was gone, too, taking my heart right with her.

We've been three months now and she hasn't phoned or written me a note. I'm so ruffle by the side of the buddies was he saw her rambling for a traveling show and in Wichita. Do you think I ought to go get her? — Ring bird in Love, Kansas.

Dear Ringbird: It does sure sure bad. That big girl wouldn't do what she's done to you if she didn't care for you a lot more than she's letting on. Trumpet the beautiful creature.

You need a man, not a wing

Dear Dotti: My best friend's daughter's treat me like a dirty. We and I have been going together for eight years. Now some of his nine dough-headed ways are cute.

One of them and a grand daughter live with him and when I go to his house they get next. He seems not to want to make them mad so mainly he lets them get away with their nonsense to me.

I have told him how much and he loves me, but we have a lot about the girls and the way he acts. I want to find a woman who believes a lot of hands-on affection like I enjoy giving it.

I do like these girls, but I'm no lowlife either. I work downtown at least once a week in the summer. I'm active. I enjoy dancing a whole lot.

Since my divorce four years ago I've gone out with a lot of women. The last woman I broke up with told me my upper thinking about her, for which I'm sorry. I never raised my voice to her and never called her a name and always picked up the check for her so why I keep it from her.

I just let a woman who up pretenders a them like me. Should I give up on finding one? — Two Time Loser, Kalamazoo

Dear Two, how have other all most ladies didn't have the good hands all over them dog like devotion. I suggest you find yourself a nice guy that will go for your down-to-earth attributes.

Get yourself a guy who cares

Dear Dotti: I'm involved with a guy who is afraid to have a serious relationship because of his past type of girlfriends. He tells me that he doesn't mind fooling around, but I want a serious relationship with him.

He tells me that he's still looking for the right girl. I am hoping I will be the right girl. I know he gets around with other girls, but I just can't let go. What should I do about this? — Maddie in Love, New York

Dear Madly in Love: Just keep looking into your girl's heart until he finds the right girl. It sounds like he'll come to his senses.

Confidential

Dear Frankie Bruce in San Francisco: Good surgery with that shaggy dog.

Dear sweetheart in Saskatoon: Sewing wheel, really hit at! You can sewing woman like to keep that woman.

Dear Mumto Fan in Akron: Miss Dear kind of any people finds a way to wiggle under out of his troubles — good type kid.

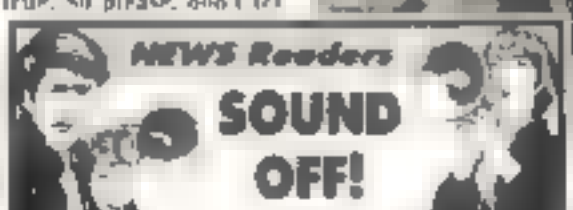
LOVELINES

To Pamputa in Shelbyville, Ill.: no more lone nights. Come home, and I'll never make me feel again. — Your Patricia in Michigan

To Silent Among the Gold in St. Petersburg: You still put the spell my stupid daddy — Friends Forty in Florida

To Bill Mill in Manchester, New Hope — Your really got jeans on my nuts from being in my back string with you. I miss you. — Ann Mills in Memphis

Pooch-faced oldster wants a magic potion to catch a young gal



Address your letters to Editor, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Editors: I'm really excited now because I think you guys at the *Weekly World News* can make my dreams come true. So please, don't let me down.

In your April 29 paper was a story about an ugly old man whose sister who has just together some Mediterranean herbs and herbs and made a love potion that no woman can resist. The guy is rich as a mint [illegible] he's just married his wife.

I'm 76 years old and I'm not exactly shy. Paul Newman my doll. I've been looking for a nice woman since my wife died with the junior dance at the church more than 15 years ago. I'd sure like to have me a nice woman to live out my remaining years with — and if she happened to be a sexy little number with everything in all the right places, so much the better.

So what I need is some information on how I can get my self irresistible. Hurry to get object. Just help me out. — P.D., Richmond, Va.

Ring we would be hurt from a couple of hundred of you, sprinkled Romeo, all dying to get your hands on some of Tongkat Ali's passion potion — and alternately, on some old getting woman.

To each of you, we say: No way, buster. We're not about to be responsible for any unknown hanky-panky that gets — Editors

These tips turn men into jerks

Editors: Your story in the March 15 paper "How to make poop wings more useful" is the stupidest thing I ever read. That so-called doctor's advice — like telling women to have

FANS of rock group Motley Crue say the drugs, booze, the bad-ass bikes are the main draw of music makers

[illegible] like a hungover [illegible] nasal [illegible] — Mrs. P.W., Elizabeth, Florida

Obviously, one woman's pick is another woman's jerk. Some gals love a guy with a bloody nose and a little rap sheet longer than a the runner of his mouth. — Editors

Creepy rockers aren't all bad

Editors: I like your magazine but it burns me up the

girl I know he gets around with other girls, but I just can't let go. What should I do about this? — Maddie in Love, New York

Dear Madly in Love: Just keep looking into your girl's heart until he finds the right girl. It sounds like he'll come to his senses.

In your March 29 paper was a story about a boy who was burned when he set himself on fire the way one of the band members did in a Motley Crue video. Your story made it sound like heavy metal music was all to blame, but there is no way a band can be responsible for things people do after watching one of their videos. — A.O., Anaheim Calif.

We apologize, Nancy. You can tell part by looking that

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Accidental Discovery May End Obesity

STOCKHOLM — Medical researchers at the University of Kalmar, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a study of a test group, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of the study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was also tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing the tests, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated, "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to nutritionist Dr. Walter Voskuil, the active ingredient contained in the formula is a natural substance found in fish and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before meals it "combines with the food present and "traps" calories, preventing their absorption."

A sample of portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system undigested. The body has to get energy to replace the non-calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Extensive clinical tests have proved the safety of this formula for long term use.

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000. A firm located at Tampa, Florida has exclusive North American distribution rights. A review of records that files revealed hundreds of people who have lost up to 10 pounds the first week and an average of 30 pounds more during the month with Cal-Ban 3000. This is a golden opportunity for people who are plagued by fat and cellulite that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

Cal-Ban 3000 is reasonably priced at $29.95 for a 1-week supply and $39.95 for a 2-week supply. Postage and handling is $2. To ensure fastest service, orders are accepted by toll-free phone only. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and C.O.D. orders are accepted. C.O.D.'s are $5 additional. Orders may be placed by calling Anderson Pharmacals TOLL-FREE 1-800-328-2340. During this special phone order promotion purchasers of a six-week supply of Cal-Ban 3000 will receive, absolutely free, a beautiful 24" double strand necklace of sparkling Chinese Fresh pearls.

Call today to begin the pleasant transformation from fat and flab to the slender firm body you want. If you fail to achieve a major weight loss you only return the empty bottle for a 100% refund.

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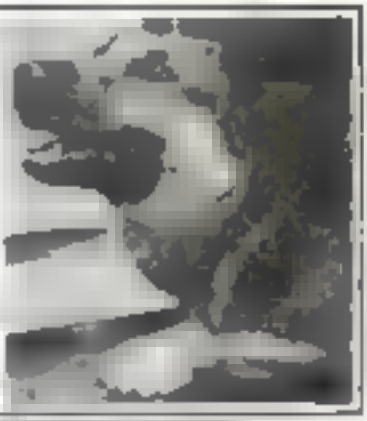

Dope dealers in Texas are so enraged over losing $130 million to drug-sniffing dogs that they've made an offer some creep may not be able to refuse — $30,000 to anyone who kills them!

Federal drug agents say the reward is already nearly at a dog named Rocky, who has become a mascot in the fight against drugs and is used in drug smuggling programs for kids.

The U.S. Border Patrol canine has 14 drug seizures to its credit and is now being groomed to help protect the President's life.

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Chinese bachelor's bizarre bid for blonde bombshell

Chinese bachelor Gong Jingsu wants a new bride but she's got to have yellow hair, speak English and love a yen for Beijing!

The 31-year-old interpreter from Beijing made his wishes known in a letter to officials in Somerset, England. He wants "Girl should be 25 to 30 years old, yellow blonde hair, speaks English

"She likes to come and live in my China. I hope to tell all my mind to her. I am not happy when I am writing this letter.

"All young people about my age are married. I hope to find a girl who has yellow hair, speaks English but I live in the center of Asia, impossible to find that style."

Nobody knows why Gong sent his plea to Somerset, though one official quipped: "We are well known for having pretty girls here."

Cancer vaccine?

A majority of cancer researchers believe it will be possible to vaccinate people against many of the forms of the deadly disease by the year 2000, according to a new report in Your Health magazine.

JILTED BEAU DIVES INTO FIERY HOUSE

Boardwalk suitor Brian Barnes, 28, killed himself in front of dozens of horrified witnesses — by jogging into a raging inferno that engulfed his home.

"It's OK. I have to die," Barnes shouted in a weird few moments before he crashed through a front window and into his burning home in Hollywood, Calif.

Friends said the victim was despondent over a recent breakup with his girlfriend. He died the instant he leaped into the flames, investigators said.

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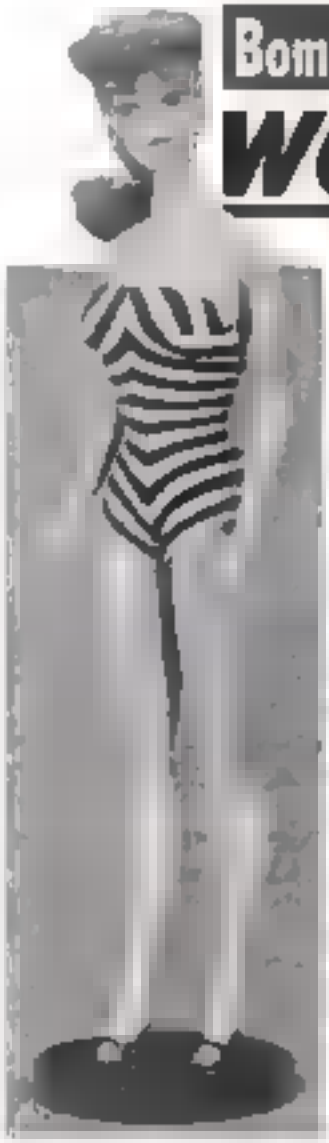
WOMEN INVENTORS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD!



TOY SAMPLE was built around the creation of the Barbie doll which was developed by Ruth Handler.

Women have cooked up a lot more through the ages than three squares a day for their menfolk, a blockbuster new book says. They've invented everything from the bra to the atomic bomb!

According to Ethlie Ann Vare and Greg Ptacek, authors of *Mothers of Invention* (Morrow, 1988, $17.95), female inventors have contributed hundreds of discoveries to science, medicine and the world of manufacturing but have received little credit for it.

The authors searched through history and compiled an impressive list of female inventors from ancient times to the present. Here are just a few of the original thinkers they discovered:

● Si Lingchih, wife of China's Emperor Huang-ti, discovered silk in about 3000 B.C.

Thanks to her, the silk industry became an essential part of China's economy.

● Hypatia of Alexandria, who lived in 370 A.D., was credited with the invention of the hydrometer — a laboratory instrument used to measure the specific gravity of liquids — and the astrolabe — an instrument used to measure the position of the sun and stars. She was killed for heresy after refusing to renounce her work.

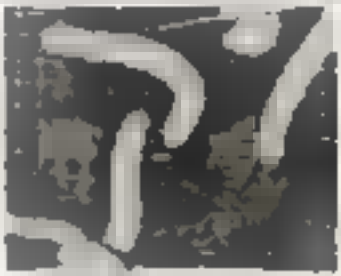
● Trotula of Salerno, an Italian physician, was the first doctor on record to prescribe hygiene, a balanced diet, exercise and the establishment of clinics for maintaining good health. She lived in the early 11th century.

● Mrs. Samuel Slater was the first American woman to get a patent when she invented cotton sewing thread in 1793.

Her discovery enabled her husband to become a rich textile manufacturer.

● Betty Nesmith Graham, whose

MILK-VIT Carmen Crosby created the delightful dairy-enriching leaves on the brassiere.



SILK CRITTER who turned into a full-scale industry in China by Si Lingchih, the inventor of silk.

boss fortune after inventing Liquid Paper.

The typewriter correction fluid was a necessity for her, because in her job as a secretary she made too many mistakes.

She first used artists' white paint. Then began bottling her special mixture in the garage for sale to other secretaries.

● Carmen Crosby was responsible for the brassiere. She invented the undergarment shortly before World War I when her corset looked wrong under her new dress.

The homemade brassiere she made from two silk handkerchiefs and a length of satin ribbon went on to become a staple in every woman's wardrobe.

● Ruth Handler was the inventor of one of the bestselling toys of all time — the Barbie doll. Mrs. Handler was a founder of Mattel, Inc. In 1959, she created a "teenage doll with fashion accessories" after watching her daughter play with a grown-up paper doll. Barbie sold $500 million worth in her first eight years on the market.

● Lise Meitner was the mother of the atomic bomb, although she went to her grave regretting it.

The Austrian physicist was the first to split the atom — the process that releases the destructive force in the bomb.

She and her nephew Dr. Otto

MOTHER of the atomic bomb, Lise Meitner, lived to regret her earth-shaking contribution. An early nuclear blockbuster is pictured above.

Hahn, were the first to calculate the release of energy created by splitting the nucleus of a uranium atom.

Her history-making study caused a race among the super powers to develop the first nuclear bomb.

— SUSAN JAMISON

MODERN MEDICINE owes a debt of gratitude to Italian physician Trotula of Salerno.

Gullible gals bare all for flim-flam film

Two embarrassed women said they acted out nude scenes with a smooth-talking young man — who told them he was a movie director.

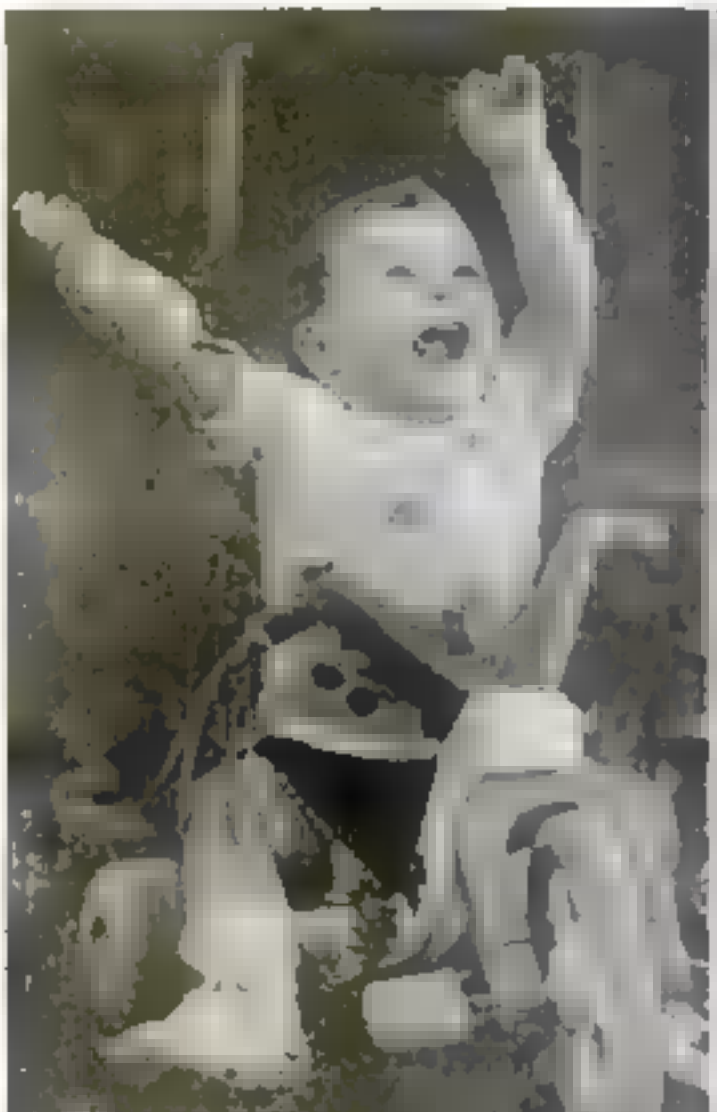
David Landrum, 23, was arrested by Long Island, N.Y., cops after he was contacted by an undercover cop posing as an aspiring young actress.

BANISH PHONE PESTS

Want to get rid of those maddening phone pests?

A Texas company is marketing a sheet of cellophane material that when crinkled allows a person to say:

"Sorry, I'll have to call you back. There's something wrong with this line."



SPACE AGE arm gives Eddie Brown a chance to play and have fun with like a normal child. In a couple of years he'll be able to be his dog playmate.

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By RAGAN QUINN

**A terrified young couple was savagely m
that was led by a teenager who seemed to d
newspapers.**

Jan and Wieslaw Ruch, both 28, told police th
him" was naked and literally howled
like a wild animal during the life-and-
death fight.

At one point he actually bathed in the
of his four-legged comrades and slashed
him with long, filthy nails, they said.

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Triumph of the bionic tot

By JACK ALEXANDER

Tomorrow lad Eddie Brown is learning to use his newest and most necessary toy — a battery-powered electronic right arm.

The 12-year-old can pick up and hold almost anything, ranging from as small as a needle and thread.

He has adapted to the arm better than we ever dreamed he would," Eddie's dad Dwayne Brown told the News. "He even punched some holes off on a pool one playing around."

Brown and his wife Magda of Bloomfield Acres, had Eddie fitted with the amazing $9,000 arm when he was just 5 years old.

"Except at the Losing Arms Program in Detroit and if we waited until Eddie was older he would reject it," said Brown.

The arm of his left has a sensor in the elbow cup.

When Eddie flexes his muscles the sensor sends a signal to the battery pack in the arm, causing the hand to open. He can pick up and hold almost anything by placing the cup over it and flexing his muscles. He controls the hand by flexing his muscles in different ways.

Battery-powered limb's just like a real arm!

LEADS IRSTY TTACK

Wild child [illegible] his power, say terrified victims

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ect the attack, say

the horrifying "wolf

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who was found with wolves in 1982. The unfortunate woman was shot and killed by authorities who accused her of crimes against nature.

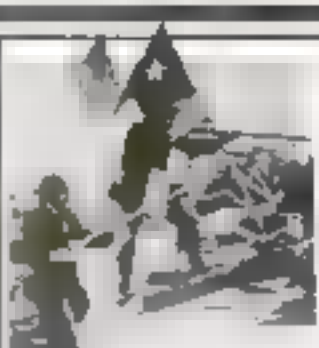
"If we do have a sufficient [illegible] appreciate that we deal with [illegible]," said Pataki. "While these animals are dangerous enough alone, they're worse if they are directed by man. It is our responsibility to stop the attacks — and get to the bottom of the werewolf legends."

BIGOTRY in Gdansk, Poland, sparked fears of persecution in the city.

Bigshot husbands beat their wives

Doctors, lawyers and dentists with blue-collar wives beat them with alarming frequency, a shock list has sadly revealed.

In a poll of more than 2,000 American couples, University of New Hampshire researcher Christine Smith found that women with low job status had a 12 percent chance of being battered if their husbands were physicians, dentists or attorneys. That's compared to a 13



Confederate soldier's grave robbed by team, say police

A [illegible] was arrested after cops accused [illegible] and ritual [illegible] Army Maj. John David Wade — who has been dead [illegible] years.

The skull, pelvis and assorted bones of the rebel soldier were involved.

James Reese, 17, was charged by police in Augusta, Ga., with [illegible] desecration of a grave.

Wades was killed in the second battle of Bull Run on Aug. 30, 1862.

— ANNA LEWIS

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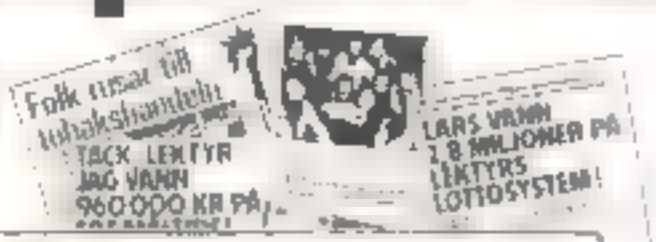

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Scandal-ridden PTL in heartbreaking welfare shocker!

Jim Bakker's parents forced into poverty!

At the gate house Furnie and Raleigh Bakker.

By JACK ALEXANDER

While ex-TV preacher Jim Bakker ponders big financial deals at his palatial Palm Springs mansion, his 81-year-old parents have been forced to apply for welfare.

"We never dreamed something like this would happen," said Bakker's poverty-stricken dad, Raleigh. "It's been the worst year of our lives. Even the Depression was better than this."

JIM BAKKER

Raleigh and his wife Furnie were fired from their jobs as official greeters at the Heritage USA religious theme park in South Carolina as a result of the sex scandal surrounding their son.

Together, Bakker's parents were paid $1,000-a-month plus free room and board.

They drove around in a Cadillac loaned to the PTL, which runs the theme park.

But now they're drawing unemployment checks and forced to regularly look for work to keep the benefits.

. . . and former preacher has no money to send his mom and dad, says insider

make ends meet. There's a plaque has been replaced with a 1984 Chevy and

And they've applied for welfare to the elder Bakkers live at an apart-

ment on the Heritage USA grounds, but [illegible] said PTL spokesman Tamila [illegible]. "We hope they will contribute to [illegible] independent all year long. I feel a part of the family. But there [illegible] you have to go down [illegible] unemployment," said Raleigh.

A spokeswoman at "Bring the Bakkers Back" headquarters at Heritage told The NEWS the elderly couple had sent $100 to cover some utility expenses of his pre-wrapped bed to keep being kicked out of the PTL pad.

Asked if Jim and Tammy Bakker had sent money to Jim's parents, the spokeswoman replied, "I don't think Jim has any money [illegible] yet."

Bakker's parents were laid off at Heritage when the work force was cut from 2,500 to 900 to avoid possible bankruptcy.

"We love Raleigh and Furnie Bakker [illegible] have been numerous positions we have had to reduce." The elder Bakkers still live at Fort Mill, S.C.

THE PTL took back Raleigh's Cadillac. He and Furnie now drive a 1984 Chevrolet.

Nuclear waste turns fish into monsters of the deep

Nuclear waste has turned fish in the Irish Sea into horribly deformed creatures and mutated monsters right out of a scary sci-fi movie, say experts.

The bloated, acne-covered fish are so festered with poisons and horrible-looking growths that many fishermen vomit their guts out after surveying the catch of cancerous and deformed creatures they've netted.

Even scientists recoil at touching the bloated, tumor-covered fish for tests.

In those cheap Japanese-made sci-fi movies, radio-active seas spawned the giant, [illegible]-like monster Godzilla and its cronies.

By RAFI KLEINER

[illegible] from Queen Mary's College in London, England.

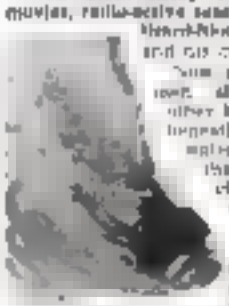
"There is a possibility that eating an affected fish could give the consumer cancer," said Peter Wilkinson, a member of the Greenpeace anti-nuclear group.

"There's no way I would eat these fish."

Fisherman Peter Mackey, 28, of Dublin, Ireland, described with a shiver some of the terrifying creatures he's found in his nets.

"I have picked up cod with strange festering red marks across their throats. They have strange bulbous lips with the lower all twisted and sometimes the tails are eaten away."

Other fishermen describe creatures with no eyes, covered with warts and those that



FISHERMEN are battling [illegible] of deformed [illegible]

Hospital fire kills patient

A hospital patient died in agony when a respirator helping him breathe caught fire in the intensive care unit, officials say.

Burning oxygen in the machine caused a three-alarm fire that killed Raleigh Holton, 58, a patient at Beekman-Downtown Hospital in New York City. No one else was injured.

Holton, who was suffering from [illegible] and respirator. Hospital staff noticed flames coming from the machine and tried to keep Holton alive by using a hand-pumped respirator, but he was dead from inhaling the smoke.

Sky diver learns in midair — he forgot his parachute!

Oh my God, no!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Seasoned sky diver Ivan McGuire was killed when he leaped 10,500 feet from a plane to videotape his free-falling friends — and forgot his parachute.

"He reached for the ripcord that wasn't there," said Al Burnett of the Franklin (N.C.) Sport Parachute Center where McGuire had made more than 800 jumps.

The thoroughly baffled instructor apparently "got carried away" with what he was doing, said Burnett.

Sheriff's deputies said the death of McGuire, 38, appears to have been an accident. "We [illegible] a cold-daughter

Smashed video camera captured his last words

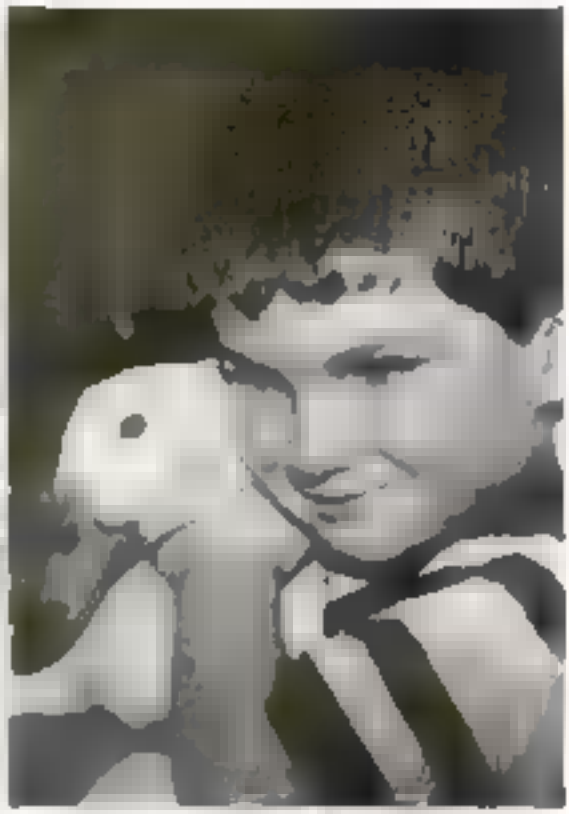
have no information that would make us think anything otherwise," said Capt. Ralph Sievers.

McGuire and four other Beechcraft plane at 10,500 feet. "He was busy strapping on his videotaping equipment before the jump," said Sievers. "Apparently, he just plain forgot to put on his parachute."

The tape taken from McGuire's crushed video camera recorded his last words as he reached for the ripcord.

"Oh no! Oh my God, no," the frantic diver screamed when he realized he wasn't wearing a parachute.

"It's not likely that any of the people who jump from here would forget their parachutes, but that's apparently what happened this time," said Burnett.



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Six-year-old Jordan Shapardson shows off his pet duck to his classmates at kindergarten at a school in Monsey, N.Y.

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Female trooper's date with death!

By PETE COOKE

A romantic rendezvous between state Trooper [redacted] Cobb and her fiance, Trooper Joe Duncan, turned into a date with death — when he executed her to get his [redacted] on $350,000 in insurance money!

Alabama authorities said Miss Cobb, a 31-year-old rookie, was on duty when Duncan, who wasn't working, arranged to meet her near a deserted Selma church.

Pretty rookie gunned down by boyfriend!

But prosecutors say Duncan, 30, greeted his girlfriend by firing three .22-caliber slugs into her head from point-blank range.

Assistant Attorney General Bill Gordon told jurors that the first two shots left Miss Cobb unconscious but still alive. He said Duncan felt for a pulse, then fired the third and fatal shot when he found the Trooper's heart still beating.

The body of Miss Cobb, the first female state trooper killed on duty, was discovered slumped behind the steering wheel of her cruiser the next day.

Gordon said that just 101 days before the ruthless murder Miss Cobb took out a $350,000 life insurance policy naming Duncan as sole beneficiary.

"She was worth $3,500 a pound to him," the prosecutor said of the 117 pound woman.

But Duncan's defense lawyer argued that Miss Cobb was executed by dope-crazed drug dealers after she made a routine traffic stop.

CONVICTED in the point-blank slaying of girlfriend Trooper Cobb, Joe Duncan stood stoic as Judge James considered the case for just three hours before sentencing Duncan on two murder counts, one for killing a state trooper and the other for committing a murder for profit.

The jury made the recommendation that Duncan be sentenced to life behind bars without possibility of parole.

Duncan's relatives sobbed when the verdicts were read, but they were unemotional when jurors recommended that he be sentenced to life behind bars.

Shattered by the verdict, Duncan's mother, Julia, was unable to attend the sentencing phase of her son's trial, but Edith Cobb sat in the courtroom listening to the testimony in the murder trial of the man who murdered her daughter.

"I only have two children," she said. "I wouldn't trade places but I don't have a murderer with her (Julia Duncan) for a son."

MURDERED State Trooper Elizabeth Cobb holds her diploma at her graduation ceremony. She died from 3 bullets to the head.

Cop killer wanted $350G insurance money

Points of view

A nurse and a man with a spiky hairdo fight over a protest against hospital service cuts in Manchester, England.

Suit suit

Car salesman claims he lost his job over way he dressed

A used car salesman claimed in a lawsuit he was fired for wearing loud and obnoxious sport coats.

Lee Grant, 48, said he got the ax at Dairy Bank in Sarasota, Fla., soon after buying pink and rainbow plaid sport coats.

At the time, Grant said the dealership was undergoing a new image campaign. Salesmen were asked to dress more professionally.

"Rather than promote an image of professionalism, Grant's selection took the opposite direction," said a lawyer for the dealership.

Grant claims he was forced out because of his sport coats and because of his age, even though he had 20 years experience.

— JACK ALEXANDER

Goofy gull grabs golf ball during big-bucks tournament

Pro golfer Boyd Paxton got the shock of his life when he teed off in the $700,000 Honda Classic — and a sea gull flew away with his ball.

Paxton was playing the first hole of the Coral Springs, Fla., course when the goofy gull grabbed his ball off the fairway and deposited it 40 yards away, just inches from a water hazard.

Tourney officials huddled and decided the flabbergasted Paxton could move his ball back to the spot where the dirty bird pilfered it.

"There were no marks on the ball," said Paxton. "That bird must have a light touch."

Torture chambers in school?

Outraged parents call [illegible] to head [illegible]zing!

By RAPE KLINGER

Parents have lashed out at school bigwigs for adopting a method of curing learning problems by painfully squeezing kids' heads and pressing in their eyeballs until they scream.

"My kids were guinea pigs in a torture chamber," said angry parent Johnnie Mellever of the weird methods used in Crescent City, Calif., schools.

Another parent griped, "After the treatments, my daughter experienced bruises in her mouth, dark skin and pain in the lower back."

The bizarre method, developed by New York chiropractor Carl A. Pattyn, calls for putting pressure on the head by pressing an eyes and squeezing skulls. The treatments are supposedly effective in curing dyslexia and other learning problems.

"No pain, no gain," claimed Michael A. Corwin, the man who administered most of the treatments.

Currently, several lawsuits have been filed, some by angered parents, concerning the method. A school spokesman said parents signed consent forms before their children were allowed into the program.

Survey reveals . . .

Women with jobs STILL do most of grocery shopping

More and more women are holding down full-time jobs outside the home — and still doing the grocery shopping, the cooking and even the laundry.

A new survey reveals only 13 percent of married men shop for the family and 18 percent do most or all of the cooking at home.

And Working Mother magazine said 82 percent of working mothers do the laundry regularly.

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Incredible story of survival at sea

Adrift for 82 days!

By ROSS GRADY

Five castaway fishermen drifted on the open sea for 82 agonizing days, surviving on raw fish and turtle blood until their desperate prayers for rescue were finally answered!

"It was terrible," declared 31-year-old survivor Gerald Wass, after he and his four companions had been snatched from the brink of death.

"We survived because we knew God would protect us. And, in His infinite mercy, God did save us."

Castaway fishermen drink turtle blood to stay alive

The nightmare ordeal began for Wass and his four crewmen five days after they had left the Sri Lankan port of Beruwala aboard the 45-foot fishing trawler Sussara.

"We were returning to Beruwala with the fish we'd netted when the engine broke down and we didn't have the part needed to fix it," Wass said. "Then, at nightfall, we were hit by a terrible storm that carried us far from sight of land."

Pounded by furious seas and screaming winds, the trawler drifted far from the coastal fishing grounds where other boats would have found it. After a few days, the crew had to dump their entire catch because the stench of rotting fish became unbearable.

Within a week, their supply of food and water was exhausted.

"Then we had nothing to eat or drink," Wass said. "Soon we were all so weak we began to lose all hope of being found alive.

"We began praying to God to help us and in our prayers we found renewed hope. We never again doubted that we would be saved.

"We made small hand nets and we were able to catch a few fish each day. We ate them raw and sucked the blood from the meat. Sometimes we caught no fish, but we had the strength to go on."

CASTAWAYS' prayers were answered after 82 days adrift off the coast of Sri Lanka.

Just as their fifth day at sea, the fish that kept them alive seemed to vanish. After a short, without nourishment, their spirits again began to falter.

"Then, after five days, we were able to catch a large turtle that came right up to the boat. We knew it was a sign from God. We drank its blood and ate the meat raw. It was disgusting, but it kept us alive," Wass continued.

"A few days later, a large ocean-going trawler sighted our boat and came to our rescue.

"All we could do was cry — and thank God for His mercy."

SURVIVORS drank turtle blood to stay alive during ordeal.

Tragedy strikes the day he passed his bar exam

STRANGER'S BULLET KILLS YOUNG LAWYER

By JACK ALEXANDER

A young man's dream of becoming a lawyer was shattered by a stranger's bullet — the day he passed the bar exam!

Studious Irv Rubier, 28, was shot dead by a gunman [illegible] of traffic on I-95 and landed in a ditch. He died almost immediately from a single shot near the heart.

The ambitious young man was going to celebrate with friends because he believed he had passed the bar exam. The family found out later he passed it.

"He didn't drink. He hated drugs. He was fitting a lot of clothes for the honeymoon. I was

Studious Irv Rubier, 28, was shot dead by a gunman from a passing van as he drove along an interstate near Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"He was a good son. He studied so hard," said his heartbroken mother, Zelda Rubier, who worked seven days a week to help put her only son through college and law school.

Witnesses told police someone in the van threw an object that hit Rubier's car. When he pulled alongside the van to

A wild 'n woolly ride

Is this supposed to be fun? Thirty-year-old Angela Worley of Chanute, Kans., discovers worse bucking a spot for kids 6 and under at a 4-H Club Youth Rodeo at the Kansas County

Tipster's drunk driving call to cops backfires!

A motorist used his car phone to falsely police that the driver of a truck in front of him was drunk.

But when the cops arrived, they let the trucker go — and arrested the tipster for being tipsy!

When California Highway Patrolmen stopped the truck outside Fresno, the tanker motorist who made the complaint told police over to which the action

Lawmen checked out the trucker and found he was fine. Then they pinched the pickled tipster

"The truck was probably going straight. He was the one swerving," said Patrolman Jim Taylor

Soldier plays stupid game with grenade

By SUSAN JIMISON

A butterfingers soldier made a major blunder when he dropped the primed hand grenade he was fiddling around with in the waiting room of a hospital — and blew himself to bits.

The foolish warrior, Lt. Imad Kahwah, was with his family visiting a sick sister in the Beirut, Lebanon, hospital when he got the urge to play with his grenade

The resulting explosion not only killed him, it injured his father, uncle, brother and an unidentified woman.

Farmer pays $345,000 for driveway

Authorities say a father and son should have charged a farmer $5,000 to pave his driveway, but managed to talk the elderly man out of that, sooner

Prosecutor William Braithwaite of Durham, England, said retired farmer Guy Wardell hired Madrian Nelson Sr., 45, and his son Madrian Nelson Jr., 19, to pave a 300-yard driveway. Braithwaite said the confused farmer shelled out $345,000 to the father and son over seven months.

The Nelsons were charged with theft and fraud.

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HONEYMOON HORROR

Silly tiff ends in tragedy just 6 days after loving oldsters marry, say cops

By SUSAN JIMISON

The wedding of Vincenzo Quinto, 90, and his petite bride Anna, 76, was a fairy-tale affair, but what happened six days later was something straight out of a horror movie.

The Miami oldster battered his new wife to death with a claw hammer just as the couple were getting ready to go on a honeymoon cruise, cops say. Their packed suitcases were still by the door when police were called to the scene.

NEW NUMBT Vincenzo Quinto.

"It's a sad case, a tragic incident and why it happened, we don't know," homicide detective Pat Day of the Metro-Dade police told The NEWS.

"The furniture was very tidy.

"Quinto was married to his first wife for 53 years, but he and Anna married in June for only six days. Their bags were packed and ready for the honeymoon. We don't know what the motive was."

Relatives of the silver-haired sweethearts say that the doomed pair were deeply in love. Quinto had lost his first wife a year before he met Anna, but although he was depressed at being alone he refused to date just anyone. When he met Anna it was a different story.

"They looked so happy," said a friend, Tony Molino. "It proved to me that you're never too old to fall in love again. I wish that I was like them age. I'm just like them."

"This man realized he had found the right woman [redacted]. She was so nice, very petite and sweet. It was unbearable for him to live without her."

Witnesses say the wedding and reception in early March were perfect. So it was with shock and horror that they learned about the violent end of the 16-day marriage two days after the wedding. Quinto went to his son's house next door to the house he shared with his new wife. Police say the old man confessed to his family what he had done. They went next door and found Anna bludgeoned to death.

Police believe the fatal argument occurred when Quinto decided he didn't want to go on the honeymoon cruise.

Quinto was arrested and charged with second-degree murder.

Skateboard hotdog tossed in slammer

By RICK DONOVAN

Fast-roller Damian Ghiardi was slapped with a two-day stint in the slammer and fined $45 — for riding a motorized skateboard without a license!

Ghiardi, 21, was ticketed after he rode his skateboard through a stop sign in Richland, Wash., and was knocked unconscious by a car.

He was convicted of eight goal driving and driving without a license.

His lawyer may appeal a ruling that he was guilty of attempting to strike a police officer.

Scary name sours sales

The company that makes the diet candy Ayds is dropping its name because the publicity about deadly AIDS has put their sales in jeopardy.

"You cannot scientifically blame the disease on our product, but we think it is a negative association," said Dep Exty. chairman Robert Bergman.

Ayds has been marketed in Great Britain under the cute name Aydelim since January. The product may be sold in the U.S. under that name later this year.

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Fisherman stabbed to death by huge Stone Age needlefish

By MICKEY McGUIRE

As his penniless father desperately struggled to help him, 21-year-old fisherman Antonio Fernando slowly bled to death — when he was stabbed through the neck by a gigantic prehistoric needlefish!

Though he mustered every ounce of strength in his body, 60-year-old Hector Fernando couldn't remove the monstrous 3-foot long spear like bill that had pierced his son's neck.

"My youngest son died before my very eyes and I was helpless to save him," the grieving father said from his home in the Sri Lanka fishing village of Hambantota.

The fatal spear, which stabbed through Antonio's neck and the upper left side of his chest, left a gaping hole the size of a golf ball and the strength to pull out the bill would have ripped his throat to shreds.

The bizarre attack occurred when the unidentified fish leaped out of the water and struck Antonio's boat as he was fishing 20 miles off shore.

Experts, who said he was the 11th needlefish victim in the past month, believe the giant fish was deliberately attacking the boat.

There are many dangerous species in these waters," Fernando said. "But there are many harmless ones, too. This one is completely strange to us. I have never seen one before."

When they brought the spear down they had to break through the skull because they could not pull the bill out from the side of the boat.

"That may have been what happened in this case — a tragic accident. But that was no kind of needlefish I have ever seen or heard of before. It was a monster. It didn't even have scales, it had plates of armor.

"A man from the university in the capital said it was a survivor from prehistoric times, like other fish that have been found in the ocean in the past few years."

Fernando said the killer fish was taken to a research center in Colombo for further study.

"They had to cut the bill off to free my son," he added. "The bill had not done any deadly damage, but the tip of the upper jaw had ripped open his throat."

"Even if I had managed to pull the bill from his throat I think he would have died to death ..."

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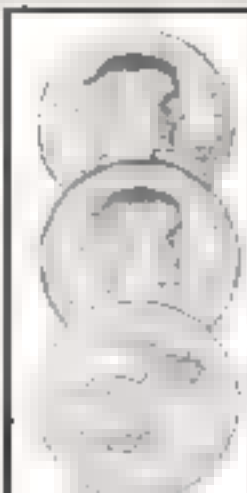

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Kid no longer a laughing stock thanks to wonder surgery

Ugly duckling gets new life

By SUSAN HARRISON

Plucky Patrick McDonnel is looking forward to life with a brand-new face — thanks to space age surgery and a dedicated team of doctors.

The 10-year-old Lexington, Ky., boy used to have protruding eyes, a flattened nose and a jutting lower jaw. Today he's like every other kid in his fourth-grade class.

"There's enough difference in his looks that at first we missed his old face," confessed his mother, Anne McDonnel, in an interview with The AMEN. "There's a dramatic change.

"You can't tell to look at him now that he ever had a problem with his face. He looks a lot better now."

Patrick was born with Crouzon's disease, a severe facial deformity that left his face sunken, like the inside of a bowl.

His eyes bulged, his nose was flat and he was unable to close his mouth.

The condition led to severe health problems for Patrick, eventually leading to blindness in his right eye and difficulty in breathing through his nose. His underbite was so pronounced the boy couldn't bite into an apple and his appearance brought taunts and stares from other kids.

Patrick is an outgoing boy, he contracted an early warm that even with his deformed face he made friends with other children.

It was Patrick's breathing problems that convinced his parents and doctors that the boy should undergo an extraordinary procedure called the "LeFort III facial advancement."

The technique, developed by French surgeon Paul Tessier, involves breaking the face apart — and Patrick had the operation at the hands of Dr. Tessier himself.

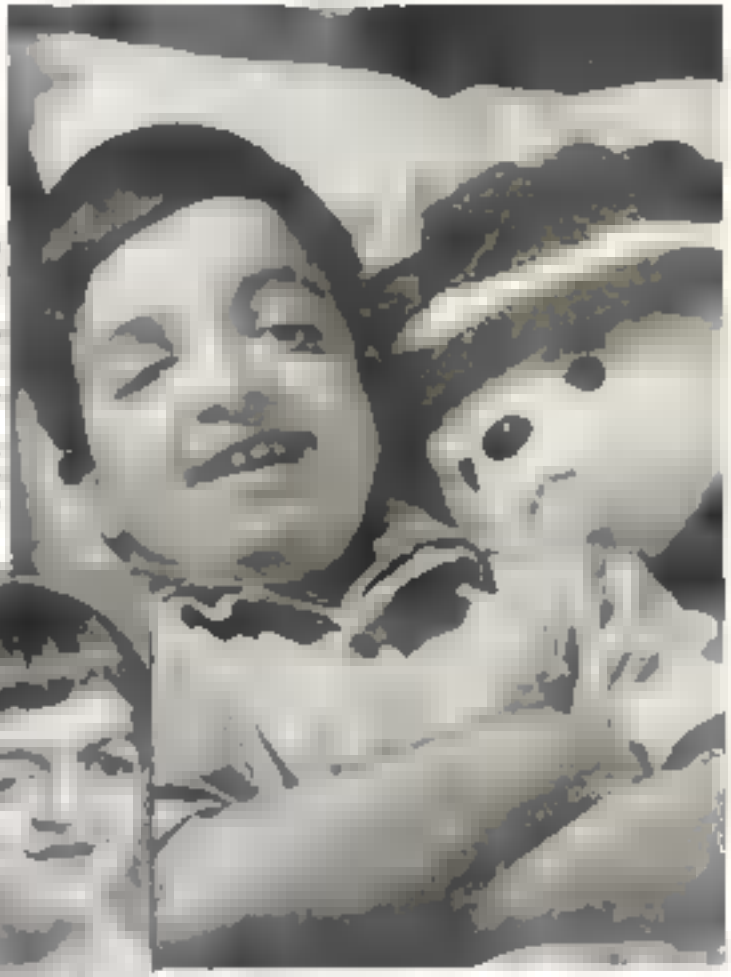
In October 1987, surgeons pealed down the skin of his face, cut through the bridge of his nose and chiseled through his jawbone. Then they removed his face from his skull and repositioned it several inches forward.

Bone grafts taken from his ribs were used to fill in the gaps and his face was reattached. Today, Patrick is a normal looking boy with a bright future.

"Because the swelling has to go down he continues to change all the time," the boy's mother said. "It's so slow we hardly notice — we have to look at pictures to remember how he looked before.

"We're thrilled, and Patrick is very proud. I know he's pleased.

"The other day he said to me, 'Mom, I think I should be a model!'"



DELIGHTED Patrick McDonnel shows relaxed as he leaves hospital after surgery. Skilled surgeons have transformed the young boy's face, left, into that of a normal boy.

Park a lot!

The deputy director of Detroit's municipal parking department recently paid $500 in fines — for 54 parking tickets.

Fikret Kimpson was one of 60,000 people who owed the city a total of $16 million in overdue parking tickets.

Kimpson's $500 was part of $1 million collected by city officials after they threatened to withhold drivers licenses if the didn't settle up.

Tragic teen embarrassed to death!

By DICK DONOVAN

Taunted teenager Pamela Dalton put a gun to her head and snuffed out her life — because she couldn't bear the jeers and sneers of classmates who found her diary of sexual fantasies.

The humiliated 15-year-old freshman at Bennett's Woods Western High school pumped a lethal bullet into her brain as the result of the cruel role they played in her death.

The heart-tugging message read: "I hope you all have a good laugh."

That had circulated around the school after the diary was ripped from the desk that revealed Pamela's private sexual thoughts.

"There were passing them around and laughing at them," said a school student who asked not to be identified. "The day of her death by students who found her diary in a trash can."

The diary fell into the hands of Pamela's worst enemy, Theresa Barnfield, who ripped out the pages and passed them around school.

"There kept bringing it up in her face and throwing it up to her."

The anguished girl, the youngest of six children, was found dead in her home that night.

Police said that she had shot herself with a .22-caliber pistol. Her mother, Theresa Barnfield said she had no idea that Pamela had taken the gun from the house.

"I can't believe she would do this," she said. "I thought she was afraid of guns."

Pamela's father, Jerry Dalton, said he had warned his daughter to stay away from the gun. He said he had never fired it before.

"A tragedy of this kind certainly has a substantial effect on students," said Detroit school system spokesman Mark Harrison.

"And we're trying to get [illegible] to the young people who were most directly

Cops put bite on mugger who dropped his dentures

A greedy old geezer tried to mug Bobby McCloud, 78, outside her home, but the antique tough fled after a scuffle — leaving his false teeth behind!

The Fort Lauderdale, Fla., woman said she was taking out the garbage one morning when a wrinkled robber crept up, snatched her earrings and tried to grab a chain from her neck.

As they struggled, she said, the old goat's dentures popped out and clattered onto the ground.

"He was choking me, and then he tried to bite me on the arm — but it was just gums," the victim said.

Later, cops spotted toothless Joe Bennett, 82, in a bedpan bar. They took him to Mrs. McCloud's home and slapped the choppers into his mouth — then hauled him off to the hoosegow when they saw the week fit him to a T.

Mexico mixes Monroe painting

Marilyn gets the brush-off!

Most people will agree that Marilyn Monroe certainly wasn't a saint in life. Now some 100,000 Catholics have made it perfectly clear they don't want the late film star to be the patron saint of Mexico!

That may have been what artist Rolando de la Rosa had in mind when he painted Marilyn's face on a portrait of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the real patron saint!

But irate Catholics started demonstrating in downtown Mexico City and eventually forced the resignation of the director of Mexico's Museum of Modern Art.

In another of Rolando's works on display, the face of baby Jesus was replaced with a gerber baby!

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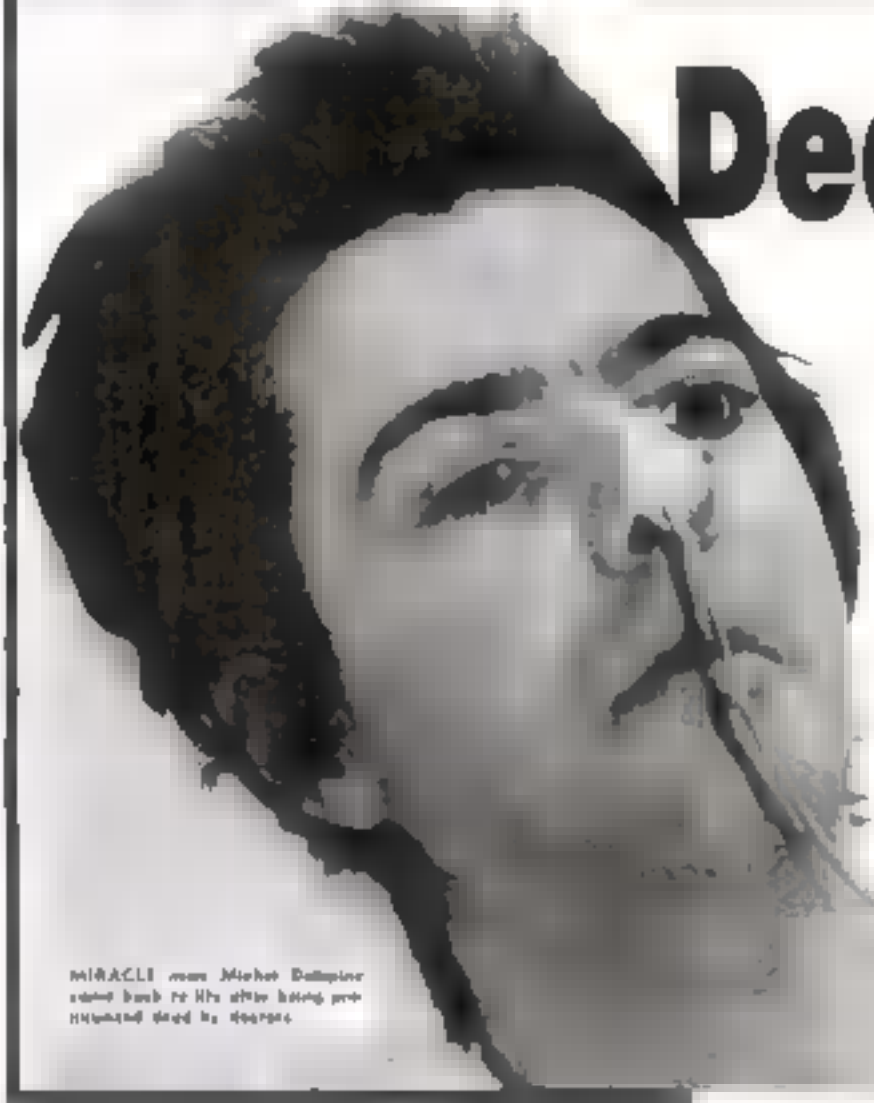

MIRACLE man Michel Delepine raised head as his wife being prenounced dead by doctors

His first words are, 'I'm cold'

By PETE COOKE

A man who was pronounced dead and taken to a funeral parlor suddenly opened his eyes six hours later and told his startled parents, "I'm cold."

"I can only call it a miracle," said Alfred Delepine after his 33-year-old son, Michel, came back from the dead.

Medical officials in Belgium said the incredible case began when Michel went to bed for an afternoon nap at the home he shares with his parents in the city of Ittre.

Later the father went upstairs, discovered his son lying motionless on the floor of his bedroom and called a doctor.

The family physician rushed to the Delepine home. There he immediately checked Michel's vital signs. Finding no heartbeat or respiration, the doctor told Michel's grief-stricken parents there was nothing he could do and at 4 p.m. Michel was pronounced dead.

The family called a funeral home, which sent a hearse to pick up the corpse and bring it back to the mortuary. But when a mortician here thought he heard the "corpse" breathing, he called an ambulance instead.

Doctors at a hospital in the nearby city of Mons, but when doctors there could detect no signs of life the young man was pronounced dead a second time.

Lying on a gurney in a hospital corridor at about 10 p.m., Michel opened his eyes and told his parents, "I'm cold."

The shocked couple, who had been waiting for mortuary workers to pick up their son's body, called for nurses and Michel was hooked up to life-support equipment.

Doctors, who say Michel is making a slow, but steady recovery, believe he was a victim of his own strange sleeping habits.

"Michel liked it cold when he went to sleep and opened the window in his room before his nap," said Dr. Louis Willet. "The temperature in his room was about 40 degrees and he would take hypothermia. It was as if his body was in a state of hibernation and his vital signs became so faint that

'Candle' blows up in woman's face!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Unsuspecting housewife Teresa Fires was horribly burned when she lit what she thought was a candle — and it exploded in her face

The powerful blast ripped a hole in a basement wall scattered wiring and left the disfigured woman with severe burns on the face, neck, chest and hands.

"It's a wonder she wasn't killed," said Wallingford Town Fire Lt. Don Phares. "The 'candle' was a fireworks explosive about an inch in diameter and four inches long."

Mrs. Fires, 29, had gone to the basement to light a fire in the fireplace. She lit what she thought was a candle that was in a candleholder on a bookcase. But the frantic housewife tried to blow it out. Seconds later it exploded.

The explosion knocked out the lights and Johanna Hahn, who lives on the second floor of the two-family home.

"First I heard her screaming," said neighbor Hahn. "She was running back and forth with blood all over her."

Phares said the victim's husband had found the fireworks explosives in the rainbarrel while cleaning the basement. He thought it was a can

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Zookeepers kill cuddly little bear & eat her for dinner!

Molly was youngsters' favorite — until she was made into meatballs

By JOE GREGG

A fuzzy, fun-loving little bear named Molly thrilled schoolkids by the thousands till goofy zoo bosses slaughtered the cuddly cub — and ate her for dinner!

Mischievous Molly was the star attraction at the Skansen Park Zoo in Stockholm, Sweden, and citizens were steaming when they learned that keepers had made her into meatballs.

"I just don't understand how they could do something so outrageous," said school principal Per Ahlmarksson.

"That bear had so much personality she seemed more human than animal.

"The children loved her and she loved the children. She was so gentle she would walk right up and scratch her behind the ears.

"The kids cried when they learned Molly wasn't going to be around anymore."

Zoo keepers said Molly met her fate because she got dangerously overweight — and they couldn't find anybody to buy a bourgeois cub, even

And while it might seem unthinkable to feast on a creature so sweet, it's worse in the minds of people in a world that hungers," said superintendent Pelle Holm.

But one employee could bring himself to indulge on the defiant cub. Molly was so nice I couldn't take a bite," said tear-eyed caretaker Tina Bendtsen.

And Stockholm's indignant [illegible] Molly was the best publicity in the space council.

If they had to eat something why didn't they eat a cat like everybody else — instead of heartbreaker. [illegible] Page 12

Molly was so cute she'd dance and do little tricks and make faces at us.

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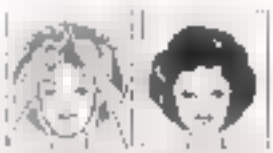

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Expert discovers miracle power of fruit acids

Wipe wrinkles away with an apple a day

By SUSAN JENSEN

An amazing new skin treatment known as "Nature's own beauty balm" erases wrinkles and takes years off your appearance — using only the natural acids found in milk, fruit and plants.

The miracle skin rejuvenator, a substance called Alpha Hydroxy Acids, was recently brought to public attention by Philadelphia dermatologist and researcher Dr. Eugene J. Van Scott. After 18 years of using the skin-care treatment, Van Scott is convinced it offers incredible benefits.

Studies show the substances reduce wrinkles, fades age spots and generates dry skin. It also helps reduce acne and acne scarring, the dermatologist says.

"What happens in many skin conditions is there is too much thickening of the outer dead layer of skin called the stratum corneum," Dr. Van Scott said.

"This process contributes to dry skin, age spots, acne and other conditions," he said.

"Alpha Hydroxy Acids soften the physiological glue that holds the skin surface cells together.

"Without a buildup of these surface cells, many skin problems are diminished."

The miracle beauty balm has captured media attention only a few months after news of another wrinkle remover, Retin-A. But Alpha Hydroxy Acids are a superior treatment, Dr. Van Scott asserts.

"While the retinoic acids have similar effects on both skin lesions and wrinkles the fruit acids are different in form and considerably less irritating," he said.

Alpha Hydroxy Acids are derived from sour milk, mangoes, apples, oranges, lemons, sugarcane, grapes and cider. When the substance is rubbed on the skin, it smoothes out wrinkles and removes dead skin cells. Within two to six months of beginning treatment, patients find that their wrinkles in their skin are disappearing.

"Deeper wrinkles may disappear after one year," Dr. Van Scott told The NEWS.

"Whether some wrinkles can be made to disappear completely, time will tell.

"But the longer a patient puts off doing something about wrinkles, the longer it will take to improve them — if they can be improved physiologically. The skin's ratio of repair slows down with age."

Right now, the miracle skin treatment is available only by prescription in the form of a skin lotion called Lactydrin, Dr. Van Scott said.

"Hopefully there will soon be a higher concentrated lotion that people can get at home," the dermatologist told The NEWS. "We're hoping that it will be available later this year."

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Shoot me, clerk tells robber — and he does!

A convenience store clerk was really gunned down when he told the armed bandit "shoot me — and the man did.

Johnny Atwater, 21, of Pratt City, Ala., was listed in critical but stable condition after surgery on the wound in his right shoulder, said police.

Cops said Atwater was stocking the soft drink cooler in the back of the store when a man walked up to him and

[illegible] grabbed her [illegible] and fled across the street where she called police.

Authorities said the robber took a pack of cigarettes and Miss Young's purse from [illegible]

Church workers find a treasure in the trash

Church workers were ready to trash an old crate full of "broken glass" when they discovered the 4 by 8 foot box held a treasure — a rare stained glass window by a famous American artist.

The window identified as the work of famed stained-glass maker Louis Tiffany, had been stored in the garage of the Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tenn.

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By JACK ALEXANDER

Doc plotted murder with deadly AIDS blood, say cops

A scheming ex-doctor was sent back to prison before he could carry out a bizarre revenge plot — using deadly [redacted] infected blood.

Patrick Henry, who served 6½ years of a 15-year sentence for trying to kill his wife, was returned to prison for 15 years.

Prosecutors in Mobile, Ala., argued that Henry, 40, planned to return to Arizona and murder the man who helped send him to prison, former U.S. Atty. Randy Reeves.

Henry's attempted murder conviction in 1979 led to the book *Deadly Intentions*, which Stevens wrote and the TV movie of the same name.

The AIDS-infected blood was in two vials found in an ammunition box in Henry's mobile home, along with a pistol, 4 pints of Stevens, how-to manuals on explosives and poisons and a set of false identities.

Irene Dixon, a spokesman for the FBI, said authorities could only speculate how Henry planned to use the AIDS blood.

He said Henry apparently got the blood when he worked at a doctor's office in Mobile.

Henry planned to use the pistol and a bomb to blow up the U.S. attorney's office in Tucson, and U.S. Atty. Joel Sweeney.

"The evidence indicates very strongly this defendant would like to pose a danger to the witnesses in this trial and the trial nine years ago," Atty. Sweeney told the judge.

Defense lawyer Jim Byrd argued that Henry was simply interested in electronics and had no intention of blowing anything up.

Byrd also accused the prosecution of having a single-

CHARGED — [illegible] Patrick Henry, 40

minded mind. Henry was sentenced to prison for 15 years by Judge Emmett Cox for illegally possessing a pistol after being convicted of a felony.

The former dermatologist may not be going back to prison if his present wife, Nancy, hadn't spoiled the assassination bid and called the cops.

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Student booted [redacted] of class for singing National Anthem

Patriotic student Sara Sprague has been kicked out of class for singing *The Star-Spangled Banner* when it's played over the school's intercom.

Principal Paul Bennett said Sara is "playing games" by violating a policy of silence when the National Anthem is played at the North Kingston, R.I., high school.

But Sara, 17, said her sing-

[illegible] and humming are a "spontaneous reaction to the music."

Homeroom teacher Catherine Jonis said the singing is sassy and disruptive.

— ALEX JACKSON

Court nixes $1M sex-change award

A man almost won $1 million in a bizarre lawsuit claiming his sex changed after he was hit by a truck.

Joseph Pickens said "he was a transsexual — destined to identify with the opposite sex," after the accident.

"Pickens's theory was that prior to the accident he was predisposed to transsexualism and that the accident triggered the condition," said a jury that awarded the 36-year-old man $1 million from the Pepsi-Cola company.

But an appeals court in Lansing, Mich., struck down the jury's award saying the judge made errors in his instructions to the jury.

Pickens was injured back in 1978 when he was hit by the Pepsi truck while riding a bicycle.

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By Countess Sophia Sabah

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Get ready to take advantage of an unusual opportunity that may be coming your way in the week ahead. Ask for expert advice if you feel you must, but don't waste any time or you might miss the boat.

Your Aries instinct for leadership could be a big help to others who need some direction at this time. Don't hesitate to assert yourself!

Someone close to you may try to take credit for your hard work and you should be prepared to stand up for yourself.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

All signs now indicate that your luck is about to improve dramatically. Be prepared to take advantage of your coming good fortune by taking a few calculated risks.

A Taurus tendency toward lustiness could spell big trouble as you struggle to reach an important goal. Keep your nose to the grindstone and undertake whom the job is done.

Hammering family disputes could easily boil over the end of your way to be agreeable or you may quickly find yourself in hot water.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Your Gemini versatility enables you to win the day at work or in a hobbish matter during an organization you belong to. The gain on the book will be worth.

Your sensational has entered a risky relationship. Put a check on the clients and treat a special somewhere to a fine outing.

A face you glimpse during a chance social encounter could haunt you for days. Don't let this bother you. You will run into this person again and all will be explained.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Your sensitivity to others comes to the forefront as you deliver the reserve behind a gal's black mood. With your humor and patience, you manage to pull your buddy out of the blue funk.

Controlling your powerful emotions isn't always easy. You manage to right yourself when a messenger brings disturbing news. Don't worry, your wisdom corrects the situation.

Help away from confined, large bodies of water and anything fishy.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Challenges don't frighten the energetic, fearless nature of Leo. You take the bull by the horns and attack a new problem with gusto. Remember to pull back a bit and allow a moment for contemplation. A little patience never hurts.

Loving relationships strengthen as you and the one closest to you share an intense, romance experience.

A party person at home or work mostly makes you pop your cork on Friday. Put a check on your tongue.

[redacted]

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Chances for a financial gain increase as you recognize several opportunities for advancement that could pave your way.

Use your Virgo logic to weed out the risks and beware rhetoric of failure.

Sticking to the homefront this weekend is rewarding as you brush off chores that needed doing and you better relationships with loved ones and friends.

The color yellow is especially lucky for Virgo at this time.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

On your toes, Libra. Pay close attention to your subconscious this week. An unusual dream could hold the key to riches and a fabulous new sense of security for you and your family. Don't be afraid to act when you know in your heart that the time is right.

Your Libra tendency could cause unnecessary trouble if you're not careful. Stick to business for now.

Someone you've forgotten is thinking of you and could spring a big surprise sometime soon.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Congratulations, Scorpio. This week should find you with a smile on your lips, a bounce to your step and a song in your heart. Your newfound freedoms and sense of good cheer is contagious, so take advantage of the situation to loosen up. Old growth who has made your life miserable the past few weeks.

Your Scorpio doggedness should pay dividends where a special project is concerned.

If you must gamble, play the lottery.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're in for a sweet bout of spring fever, Sagittarian. The next week holds many quiet moments of joy for you, especially if you take the time to enjoy the beauty around you.

Changes in your life may soon require you to exercise your Sagittarian ability to adapt. In the long run, new events will benefit you.

Cranky acquaintances will try your patience this week, but you're up to it.

Try to get some time alone.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Hold on! You may be in for a roller-coaster ride this week, Capricorn, as past-spurring events change your mood from hopeless to hopeful. When the dust settles you will be sitting pretty, so stay optimistic.

Your Capricorn enthusiasm may threaten to put a dampen on your family life. Lighten up a little if you can. Be a comedy. Take some time out for relaxation.

Financial decisions you make in the next seven days have an excellent chance of success.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead promises to be one of the happiest of your life, with more than enough work, good pays and companionship to keep you occupied along the way.

Financially the arrival of a cash gift, inheritance or windfall should enable you to pay off some nagging bills as well as pump up your savings for a rainy day. Spend wisely and you may even have enough surplus to indulge yourself in a big way.

Travel is highlighted. Take as many day or weekend trips as you can. The opposite sex finds you more and more attractive as the year progresses.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are a fair-minded person because you were born under the sign of Aquarius.

But make sure you are being fair to yourself.

Concentrate this week on putting your priorities in proper order. Life may be a whole lot easier and happier if you are organized.

There is a possibility your luck may change dramatically in the week ahead. Perhaps now is the time to consider new financial investments.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You are an intelligent person, but often your Pisces tendencies drag you into a dream world. Be realistic with close friends and relatives.

An incredible opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime vacation may arise this week. Think of how you might be able to swing it instead of being negative.

Don't be in awe of others who seem to have a better memory and an all-around better education. Some of them can't even balance a checkbook.

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Aries	Mar. 21 Apr. 20	4, 13, 24, 28, 29, 33	Libra	Sept. 23 Oct. 22	7, 16, 20, 24, 29, 35
Taurus	Apr. 21 May 20	6, 7, 11, 23, 28, 31	Scorpio	Oct. 23 Nov. 21	1, 2, 20, 22, 23, 27
Gemini	May 21 June 20	3, 5, 7, 11, 20, 30	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 Dec. 21	3, 5, 13, 20, 26, 34
Cancer	June 21 July 22	2, 6, 8, 14, 15, 24	Capricorn	Dec. 22 Jan. 19	10, 12, 24, 28, 30, 35
Leo	July 23 Aug. 22	10, 14, 18, 23, 32, 37	Aquarius	Jan. 20 Feb. 18	2, 4, 6, 17, 18, 31
Virgo	Aug. 23 Sept. 22	6, 14, 23, 33, 35, 36	Pisces	Feb. 19 Mar. 20	1, 9, 16, 21, 31, 36

WOMEN parents Susan and Marshal Hutchins with their five children, two pair of twins and their 2-year-old daughter.

Mom gives birth to four kids in less than a year!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Susan Hutchins didn't take fertility drugs, but she might as well have. She's given birth to four kids — two sets of identical twins — in less than a year.

"We're not sleeping very much," Mrs. Hutchins told The NEWS. "Some nights we're up constantly, feeding them or holding them.

"It's been hard, but I know things will settle down soon. And we'll be able to relax and enjoy our kids. Until then, we'll take each day as it comes."

Mrs. Hutchins, 33, and her husband Marshal, 36, already had one daughter, Allison, when they found out they were expecting twins. They were delighted with the first pair, little Sara and Jessie, born prematurely on Feb. 9, 1987.

But after birth Sara was stricken by a virus and suffered brain damage that led to cerebral palsy. So, when the news that they were expecting a few weeks after delivering the first, the Gainesville, Ala., couple didn't take the news too well. "I was devastated," the busy mother of five admitted. "I think I cried for a week. At that time, we didn't even know if Sara, who was so sick then, would make it."

On Jan. 3, 1988, little Sara and Amanda came into the world.

"We live in a two-bedroom house," Mrs. Hutchins said. "My husband is a coal miner and we have more than $100,000 in medical debts.

"But still, we do pretty good most of the time. Allison is 7 and she helps a lot.

"She said she wanted a real family with sisters and brothers. Now, if she complains when everybody is screaming and crying, I say, 'Hey, Allison — this is a real family.'"

Man shot for selling busted TV

By PETE COOKE

A man who was having "a very bad day" shot and killed an acquaintance for selling him a TV that didn't work.

An Atlanta jury convicted 26-year-old Eddie Jackson Jr. of murder in the slaying of Ronny Hill, 21.

"This was a very bad day in Eddie Jackson's life," explained defense attorney Bill Hankins.

Hankins told jurors that on the day of the shooting Jackson burned his hand at work and was then reprimanded for showing up late to his second job.

Jackson ran into Hill at a gas station and bought the battery-operated television set. When Jackson discovered the TV didn't work, he tracked Hill down at a bar and demanded his money back.

Authorities said Hill told Jackson he had already spent the money. Jackson left the bar, but later returned with a gun and followed Hill to a nearby convenience store, where the two men argued and Hill was shot three times.

"This was a passion killing," the defense lawyer said in asking jurors to convict Jackson on a lesser charge of manslaughter.

But the jury found Jackson guilty of murder and he was sentenced to life in prison.

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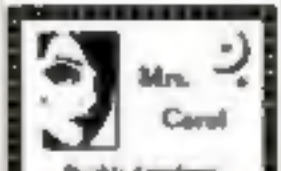

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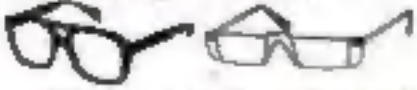

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Trivia

Some fascinating facts that might make you a 'big shot' at parties

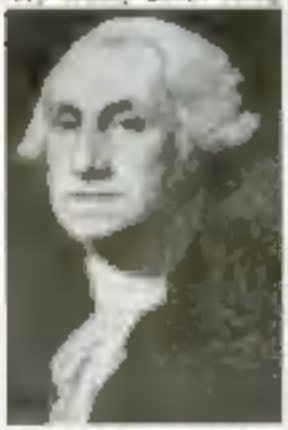
By HAPE KLINGER

America's first and most famous President George Washington was very touchy about being touched or even spoken to.

And calling a person a "big shot" could get you in a mess of trouble in Rome.

These are just some of the fascinating facts that will amaze your friends in this column of tantalizing trivia. See how much of this dynamite data you can recall.

● President George Washington wasn't as fond of socializing as today's politicians. At official functions, George kept one hand on his dress sword and held his hat in the other so he didn't have to shake hands. He also made it clear that he didn't want anyone to speak to him unless he spoke to them first.



TOUCHY George Washington was wouldn't shake hands.

● Subways in Mexico City are definitely for the public, no matter how poor. A ride costs three cents, or eight times less than you pay for a stamp to mail a letter in the U.S.

● The highest paid exec in the U.S. is Chrysler's kingpin Lee Iacocca. Last year Lee pulled down a whopping $23.0 million in salary, bonuses, stock and stock options.

GUARD donkeys are used by sheep ranchers.

Of course, Lee is just barely keeping up with showbiz big wigs. Bill Cosby raked in a mind-boggling $27 million last year. Showbiz gals did pretty good, too. The highest paid was rock darling Madonna with $26 million.

● The 48 states of the U.S. could fit on the northern polar ice cap.

● America's first big bank robbery took place in an historic place.

It was Philadelphia's Carpenters Hall where the First Continental Congress met in 1774. In 1798, robbers cleaned the place out.

● Calling a person a "big shot" in Rome can't be taken as a case in point, because the translation of "big shot" is "fat dog."

● New York City has the most hotel and motel rooms in the country, but second place belongs surprisingly to Orlando, Fla. The reason folks need a place to stay when visiting Disney World.

● Doctors say that people who smoke have another common feature ... they also complain of cold feet.

● Guard dogs are common ... but guard donkeys? Sheep ranchers in Texas believe that pesky coyotes are terrified of donkeys so they put a few of the armory beasts in our fields to protect their sheep.

● Most career officers in the military retire at age 43. Career enlisted personnel retire around age 38.

● People in Turkey don't shake their heads when they want to say "no." Instead, they jut out their chins, shut their eyes and tilt their heads back.

● Ducks are real picky about laying eggs. They either lay them early in the morning — or not at all.

● An architect who estimated that you save 50 percent by building your own home rather than buying one surely like it.

● Butterflies are pretty but they don't grow. It's the caterpillar that gets bigger, before turning into the butterfly.

● Gals who are friends and spend a lot of time together have been shown to have their thinking — their menstrual cycles and, as amazing as it may seem, even their sweat glands — synchronize.

FAILED father Charles Rothenberg poured kerosene around his sleeping 3-year-old son's bed and then struck a match.

His parole is

By ROSE GRADY

Just as life was looking brighter for tragic burn boy David Rothenberg, a dark cloud now looms on his horizon — the savage father who turned him into a human torch will soon be set free!

Charles Rothenberg is now serving a 25-year sentence in California's Soledad Prison for attempted murder and arson. He is scheduled for parole in early 1990.

Incredibly, Rothenberg, a fiend who executed a sadistic murder scheme beyond imagination, believes the boy will welcome him back with open arms.

"I believe a reunion will help us both," he said in a recent interview, adding that he plans to settle in Whittier, Calif., just a 20-minute drive from where David and his mom Sherie are trying to rebuild their shattered lives.

The mere thought of his father being turned loose scares the daylights out of David, now 11.

"I don't want him getting out," David said after hearing of his dad's possible parole. "I'm afraid he'll hurt me.

"I think he's lying ... about being sorry and wanting to see me. I think he's crazy. I never want to see him again."

The horror that filled David's heart with hatred for his father came to March 1985, when he was just 6 years old.

On that dreadful day, in

TODAY David Rothenberg, now 11, is getting his life back together and doing many of the things

...just around the corner but burn boy pleads . . .

Please don't let my daddy go!

Son was torched in his bed by fiendish father

...m 1:30 of a Travelodge motel ... Buena Park, Calif., Rothenberg, fearing his ex-wife would never let him see David again, drenched the sleeping boy and his bed with 2½ gallons of gasoline. Then he lit a match!

In moments, David and the bed were engulfed in a roaring inferno. Rothenberg left the room, closed the door and fled into the night, the agonizing screams of his son echoing in his wake.

Incredibly, David was rescued from the firestorm that swept the room. Though 90 percent of his body was charred, the puny youngster revived to live.

He struggled back from the brink of death to earn the nickname The Comeback Kid — America's most famous burn victim.

A lot has happened since that fiery nightmare. David's mom is set to marry Buena Park Police Lt. Richard Stafford, the cop who helped capture Rothenberg and bring him to trial. And for David, the thought of having a real family is the answer to his prayers.

But if Charles Rothenberg has any devious intention of forcing himself back into David's life, he had better think twice.

"Write this to the newspaper, too," he said.

"Write that my mom is getting married to the guy that caught my dad."

THEN — David as he looked before the tragic day his dad turned him into a human torch.

WRAPPED head to toe in thick bandages, little David boards a plane to take him to a burn center shortly after the tragedy.

Right car can make you rich down the road, expert says

If you're looking for an investment that will really get you ahead, experts suggest putting your money into an affordable car that is destined to become a collector's item.

By PETE COOKE

Rick Cole, a North Hollywood, Calif., classic car expert, has compiled a list of affordable cars that he thinks would make a solid investment this year.

● 1967 Corvette 427 with 435 horsepower. Hard-tops sell for $13,000-$18,000 and could go for $30,000 in five years. You can buy a convertible for $26,000 now and sell it in five years for $100,000, said Cole.

● 1964-'69 Pontiac convertibles, selling now for $7,000 to $8,000. Cole believes these cars will be worth $20,000 in five years.

● 1963-'64 Cadillac convertibles, selling now for $4,000 to $5,000, will be worth $12,000 in five years.

● 1965-'66 Shelby GT 350 Mustang or GT 500 Mustang. These cars are "now a target for serious collectors," said Cole. They sell today for $25,000 to $30,000 and will bring about $60,000 five years from now.

● 1961-'63 Chrysler 300G, 300H and 300I, selling now for $10,000 to $14,000. Should sell for $25,000 to $30,000 in five years.

● 1970-71 Plymouth Barracudas, selling for $15,000 to $20,000, are expected to double in value in five years.

● 1955-'57 Chevy Bel Air, hard-tops selling now for $8,000 to $13,000 will fetch twice that in five years. Con-

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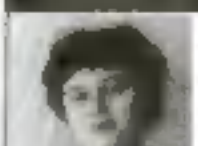

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